

## Today's Weather

It will be slightly warmer, with scattered clouds, a chance of scattered rain in the north and westerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight Low	Daytime High
Amman	6	14
Aqaba	12	23
Deserts	4	15
Jordan Valley	10	20

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 11, Aqaba 21. Humidity readings: Amman 70 per cent, Aqaba 45 per cent.

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### Al Qabas suggests Riyadh-Moscow diplomatic ties

KUWAIT, Nov. 29 (R) — A leading Kuwaiti newspaper today suggested that Saudi Arabia should establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union if it wanted Arab nations strongly connected to Moscow to abandon their opposition to the Saudi Middle East peace plan. Obtaining an Arab consensus on the plan, which calls for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and the creation of a Palestinian state, needs direct dialogue with the Soviet Union, the daily Al Qabas said. Differences over the plan led to the postponement of the 12th Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, on Wednesday. The leaders of countries critical of the Saudi proposals such as Syria, Libya and Iraq did not attend. The paper said it was paradoxical that Saudi Arabia called for a Soviet role in the Middle East peace process through the United Nations while Riyadh had no diplomatic ties with Moscow.

### Somali president arrives to brief Cairo on fez summit

CAIRO, Nov. 29 (R) — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre arrived in Cairo today and officials said he would brief President Hosni Mubarak on last week's Arab summit. Maj. Gen. Siad Barre attended the summit in Fez, Morocco, but Egypt was suspended from the Arab League after its 1979 treaty with Israel. President Mubarak and senior Egyptian officials greeted President Siad Barre when he arrived at Cairo airport on a one-day visit.

### Sharon adds another Syrian to execution list

LONDON, Nov. 29 (R) — Ten leftists were executed in three Iranian towns on Friday and Saturday for political crimes, the Tehran evening newspaper Ettelaat reported today. Most were members of the Mujahadeen guerrilla organisation which has been blamed for repeated bomb attacks including one at Tehran railway station last Tuesday. Mujahadeen headquarters in Paris, in a statement telephoned to Reuters, said revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had ordered the bombings to justify further executions of his political opponents. The Mujahadeen denied responsibility for the attacks and said it condemned such actions against innocent people.

### Al Zulfikar members rounded up in Punjab

LAHORE, Nov. 29 (R) — Authorities have arrested more than 100 supporters of a guerrilla group opposed to Pakistan's military government, a senior police official said today. The Punjab inspector general of police, Laeq Ahmad Khan, told reporters that about 100 people in his province had been rounded up since September for their links to the Al Zulfikar organisation.

### Unreal 'earthquake' sparks off panic at 'Reality'

NAPLES, Nov. 29 (A.P.) — At least 30 persons were injured today in a stampede touched off by shouts of "earthquake," in the middle of a movie, police reported. Police said nearly 1,000 people were watching a French film, Reality, when an unidentified young man began shouting, "Earthquake, earthquake." "People started screaming and started to run for the doors," police quoted a witness as saying. "Dozens fell on the stairs, but the people kept pushing, pushing." Ambulances and police cars ferried the injured to hospital. Several youths taken to the Pellegrini Hospital were in serious condition, suffering from what doctors described as "shock effects of crushing."

## Palestinian solidarity day marked

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — Today, Nov. 29, is the anniversary of the issuance of the U.N. resolution on the partition of Palestine in 1947. In 1978, the United Nations chose this day as an international day of solidarity with the Palestinian people, to express the world's rejection of Israeli practices in occupied Arab territories and Israel's policies of settlements, collective punishments, the destruction of homes and brutal displacement of Arab citizens.

In a statement issued on the occasion, the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs said that the world has understood the dimensions of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories in 1967, and has become familiar with the terrorist measures practised against the Palestinian people of these territories.

The statement added that these practices — Israel's "iron fist" — permit the arrest and dis-

placement of citizens, the closing of schools and universities, violations of the sanctity of holy places and the strangling of national establishments. These measures, and the resulting deterioration in the quality of life of the people in the occupied territories, have aroused the sympathy of world states, and international support for Palestinian efforts to eliminate the Israeli occupation and obtain the right of self-determination, the statement said.

This support, it continued, resulted in the institution of the day of solidarity with the Palestinian people, who have never stopped protesting against and denouncing all Israeli transgressions against them. This international support for the Palestinian people has been expressed in intensive information campaigns to expose the practices of the aggressive war machine, and in seminars and conferences which

discuss the occupation authorities' schemes to displace what is left of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, the statement added.

It explained that such Israeli practices are meant to pave the way for complete occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, and to evacuate their Arab people, who have always stressed their just and frank stand on the Israeli occupation since the first day.

Also today, the Jordanian Journalists Association issued a statement condemning Israel's practices against the people of the occupied Arab territories and its expansionist plans in the Arab lands. The statement also deplored Zionist persecution campaigns against Arab journalists and the closure of Al Fajr newspaper.

The statement was contained in a cable sent by the association's president, Mr. Mahmoud Al Kayed, to Mr. Sa'd Qasem Hamoudi, president of the Arab Journalists Federation. In his cable Mr. Kayed called on Arab journalists to urge various international organisations and journalists' unions to ensure the speedy release of detained Arab journalists, and a halt to Israel's campaigns against the Arab inhabitants in general and journalists in particular.

## Brezhnev pledges anew to back Palestinian cause

MOSCOW, Nov. 29 (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev today underlined Moscow's support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and its goal of an independent state.

In a greetings telegram to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, marking the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, he said the Soviet Union regarded the creation of a Palestinian state as the only way to peace in the Middle East.

"The Soviet Union states anew that its sympathies and support are invariably on the side of the Palestinians' just cause," Mr. Brezhnev said. The text of the telegram was issued by the TASS news agency.

The Soviet leader told Mr. Arafat he wanted to convey his own cordial greetings and best wishes to the PLO and its leadership as well as those of the Soviet people.

Moscow granted diplomatic recognition to the PLO last month. Mr. Brezhnev said the Palestinian people were staunchly resisting the "dangerous militarist plans of the United States and Israel" and congratulated the PLO on its opposition to the U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreement.

Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov also sent a telegram of congratulations to Mr. Arafat, expressing his active support for the Palestinian people in their fight for national independence, the official BTA news agency reported.

Bulgaria supported the Soviet proposal for an international conference on the Middle East and said any peace settlement must be based on Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967 and the foundation of a Palestinian state, the message said.

## Gunmen in battledress return home in underwear in Beirut

BEIRUT, Nov. 29 (R) — Guerrillas who defy their leaders by wearing battledress in leftist-controlled West Beirut are being forced to strip in the street and walk home in their underwear, an official said in an interview published today.

Samir Sabbagh, head of a joint Palestinian-leftist security committee, said his group was enforcing the measure as part of a drive to stamp out lawlessness.

Palestinian and Lebanese leftist groups agreed on a series of security measures last month following a string of car bomb attacks and factional clashes in their sector of the capital.

Mr. Sabbagh told the Beirut weekly Monday Morning that the measures included banning unofficial military vehicles from the streets, prohibiting battledress, rounding up unlicensed weapons

and removing heavy weapons and ammunition to non-residential areas.

He said the decision to keep unofficial military vehicles off the streets was respected by all parties from the start of the security drive on Oct. 16. But the prohibition of battledress took more time to impose.

"Around 40 or 50 elements were seen in the streets wearing battledress after the prohibition announcement. They were forced to strip in public and had to walk home in their underwear," Mr. Sabbagh said.

"They were objects of derision and examples to others."

Security in West Beirut was now being enforced by the Lebanese authorities, Syrian peace-keeping troops and members of the leftist committee.

## Mitterrand's Algerian visit aims to wipe out bitter war memories

ALGIERS, Nov. 29 (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand flies to Algeria tomorrow for a two-day visit which both sides hope will lead to closer political ties.

Bitter memories of the eight-year guerrilla war that led up to Algeria's independence in 1962 have previously hindered progress towards reconciliation between France and its former colony.

While France has remained Algeria's main trading partner, there has been a deep political gulf between the two countries.

But since taking office in May, Mr. Mitterrand has made it clear that entente with the fellow-socialist government in Algiers is a key aim of his administration.

Visiting Algiers in August, External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson said: "From the point of view of political ideas, the socialist majority in France is very close to socialist Algeria."

The change of tone was not lost on the Algerian government. "Relations between Algeria and France have seen a notable improvement since the left took power (in France)," Ambassador to Paris Mohammed Salmoun said last week.

In recent months, the two governments have been seeking ways of eliminating obstacles to reconciliation, many of which are highly emotive.

The French government is committed to improving the lot of Algerian workers and their dependents now living in France, estimated at 800,000. It has offered a moratorium for illegal immigrants to legalise their situation and has guaranteed social

security cover for all.

The Algerian authorities meanwhile gave agreed to discuss the question of allowing the transfer to France of funds blocked in the country since independence. French officials in Paris said the negotiations had made considerable progress.

But two main problems remain: Algeria's proposed new price structure for its gas exports, and its demand for the return of Algerian official records from the colonial era held in France since 1962.

On the gas question, Algeria last year sought to establish a parity between gas and crude oil prices which the French — about to increase annual imports from four billion to nine billion cubic metres — refused. It would have meant a doubling of the purchase price.

The two countries are agreed on the need for progress in the North-South dialogue and in their support for the inter-African peace-keeping force being sent to Chad.

Algeria has also welcomed the French government's call for self-determination for the disputed Western Sahara where Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas have been fighting Moroccan troops since 1975.

But one major question separating the two countries is the Middle East.

Mr. Mitterrand supports the U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel, while Algeria is opposed to any solution to the conflict not taking into account the rights of the Palestinians.

### Habib arrives on new Mideast peace mission

BEIRUT, Nov. 29 (R) — President Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East, Philip Habib, arrived in Beirut today at the start of his fourth tour of the region since May, airport officials said.

He is also expected to visit Syria, Saudi Arabia and Israel. He was asked by President Reagan last spring to help defuse a crisis over the stationing of Syrian surface-to-air missiles in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

But his mission was broadened when fighting erupted in July as a result of Israeli bombardment of Palestinian camps in Beirut and South Lebanon.

A ceasefire he helped to draw up on July 24 ended two weeks of heavy cross-border artillery exchanges and a series of Israeli air raids against South Lebanon and Beirut in which an estimated 400 people died.

Mr. Habib is due to meet Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros tomorrow. He will not be meeting President Elias Sarkis, who is undergoing a medical check-up in Switzerland.

### Sharon leaves for U.S. for 'strategy' talks

## Israel defers decision on Sinai force

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29 (Agencies) — The Israeli cabinet today deferred a decision on whether to accept European troops in a multi-national force to patrol the Sinai after Israel's withdrawal from the area next April.

The cabinet held a short meeting at the hospital room where Prime Minister Menachem Begin is recovering from an operation on a fractured thigh.

A cabinet spokesman said another meeting will be held tomorrow to hear a report from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir on his talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig on Israel's objections to terms set by four European countries for participation in the Sinai peacekeeping force.

The cabinet had been expected to postpone a decision on whether to accept British, French, Italian and Dutch troops in the force. Cabinet sources said the ministers would first consider proposals brought by Mr. Shamir from Washington on the issue.

### Sharon leaves for U.S.

The government approved a trip by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon to Washington to conclude negotiations on a memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation with the Americans, a cabinet spokesman said.

Mr. Sharon left for Washington immediately after the meeting, Israel Radio said.

The spokesman said Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich

would chair tomorrow's cabinet meeting but he did not say whether a decision on the multi-national force would be taken.

The spokesman said that Mr. Sharon was leaving for Washington "to conclude negotiations between Israel and the United States concerning the signing of a memorandum about the strategic cooperation between the two countries."

The spokesman said today's meeting had been kept short on doctors' orders. Mr. Begin fractured his left thigh bone last Thursday when he fell in his bathroom and doctors today reported him to be in satisfactory condition.

Mr. Shamir went to Washington at short notice last Friday after Mr. Begin and other Israeli leaders rejected the political terms which accompanied the four European states' agreement to deploy troops in Sinai.

The Israelis were angered by the reaffirmation of the European Economic Community's call for

### Beirut group takes responsibility • Syria blames Brotherhood

## Damascus carbomb blast kills 64, injures 135

DAMASCUS, Nov. 29 (R) — and shattered glass scything through a crowded Damascus street, a Syrian government spokesman said.

The bomb exploded in the modern Al Azbakiya quarter of the capital, not far from the centre of town and close to a military recruitment office.

The official spokesman blamed the attack on the Muslim Brotherhood, an outlawed religious movement.

But in Beirut a group opposed to the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon — the Organisation for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners — said it was responsible.

The bomb badly damaged several buildings in the bustling street and wrecked about a dozen cars.

Ambulances rushed to the scene and security forces sealed off the area. Many students reported to hospitals to donate blood.

Security officers sealed off the area as firemen scrambled through fallen masonry looking

for bodies. Helicopters flew over the scene, helping with rescue operations.

It was the biggest casualty toll from a bomb attack since simmering anti-government violence erupted in Syria more than three years ago, Western diplomats said.

According to the diplomats, it was the fourth car bombing of sensitive targets in Damascus since August.

The other attacks were against the prime minister's office, the air force headquarters in the centre of the capital and a building housing Soviet experts, the diplomats say.

The government has made no mention of the last two blasts.

Today's announcement by the interior ministry said the underground Muslim Brotherhood had carried out "a new atrocious crime against innocent citizens — women and children."

It has been blamed for a series of bombings and killings in Syria over the past few years.

The most likely target of today's bombing was a four-storey building accommodating military police and army recruitment centres. It is situated in a three-lane, one-way street.

The interior ministry said the attack was part of an imperialist-Zionist plot against Syria.

In an anonymous telephone call to a news agency, a man claiming

to represent the Organisation for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners said today's bombing was a prelude to other operations.

He said the charge was a 95-kilogramme bomb. He said it was not planted in an ordinary civilian car, as charged in official Syrian statements.

The caller said the unit which carried out the attack had returned to Lebanon.

A ministry spokesman said the man who drove the booby-trapped car to the busy street was killed. No details were given.

The group in Lebanon who claimed responsibility for the Blast has said it carried out a series of recent bombings against Syria and Palestinian targets in Beirut and southern Lebanon.

The state television in Damascus later screened a 15-minute film footage of the explosion that showed at least four four-storey apartment buildings totally gutted with their facades blown off.

Other adjacent buildings had all their window glass shattered and several dismembered bodies of dead victims were shown lying in hospital morgues.

The film showed at least 83 men, women and children suffering facial and head injuries with bandages wrapping their heads and necks and some looked as if their arms had been blown off.

## Allen decides to step down over Japanese gift affair

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (R) — White House National Security Adviser Richard Allen said today he was temporarily stepping down until a government inquiry into his acceptance of a \$1,000 gift from a Japanese journalist had been completed.

In a television interview, Mr. Allen said he had told President Reagan he would step down from his post until the Justice Department had completed its investigation of his acceptance of the money, in connection with an interview with Mrs. Reagan.

Mr. Allen said his acceptance of the money may be poor judgment on his part.

Mr. Allen, who is President Reagan's top foreign policy adviser, said he was confident the Justice Department investigation would clear him of any wrongdoing.

Attorney General William French Smith is to decide this month whether to appoint a special prosecutor to conduct a further investigation of the matter.

## VIPs, soldiers to testify at Sadat murder trial

CAIRO, Nov. 29 (A.P.) — Thirteen witnesses were expected to testify for the prosecution before Egypt's supreme military court tomorrow against 24 accused on trial for their lives for alleged involvement in the premeditated murder of President Anwar Sadat, the semi-official press reported.

The witnesses, named at the opening session of the trial last week, include guests seated on the grandstand with Mr. Sadat when he was gunned down while watching a military parade Oct. 6.

They also included the soldiers and driver assigned to the truck which bore the four alleged assassins past the viewing stand during the parade, according to a report in the Cairo daily Al Akhbar today.

The indictment announced earlier this month charged the main

defendant, 24-year-old First Lieutenant Khaled Ahmad Shawki Al Islambouly, with replacing three of the truck's regular crew with three accomplices who helped him in the attack on Mr. Sadat.

The remaining members of the original crew and the truck's driver have been cleared of involvement in the assassination.

Al Akhbar said witnesses for the trial also included "others whom the defendants had tried to recruit to join their conspiracy and who had refused to do so and had presented themselves to the military prosecutors' office."

Al Akhbar said the second public hearing of the trial, which opened Nov. 21, would begin with a submission of each defendant's plea to the charges facing him.

## 'Kuwait will not recognise Israel' -- Sheikh Sabah

KUWAIT, Nov. 29 (A.P.) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad was quoted today as saying Kuwait will "not recognise Israel" and that this position "will not change."

Excerpts of the Kuwaiti minister's statements to yesterday parliamentary session were carried by the Kuwaiti press today.

Sheikh Sabah also expressed Kuwait's opposition to cooperation between Gulf states and foreign powers. "We are working to keep the region clear of alliances and blocs because the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) charter clearly states that the security of the region is the responsibility of its littoral states."

He said Kuwait also opposed the granting of military facilities to foreign powers and voiced his disapproval of Arab countries participating in the joint U.S. Bright Star military manoeuvres in Egypt, Sudan, Oman and Somalia.

The GCC communique issued after a meeting earlier this month called for an end to superpower interference in the region, a statement which Oman endorsed although it has granted the United States use of its military facilities.

"Kuwait and other Arab Gulf countries are determined to end any commitment of this kind to foil attempts to create a foreign military presence in the region," Sheikh Sabah said.

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# NATIONAL

## National Archives Week starts today

AMMAN, Dec. 29 (Petra) — Jordan's third national archives week starts throughout the kingdom tomorrow.

The celebration, which continues until Jan. 6, coincides with the start of 1982, proclaimed by the Ministry of Culture and Youth as National Culture Year, according to Dr. Ahmad Sharkas, director general of the Department of National Libraries,

Documentation and Archives, who is also chairman of the Arab regional documentation council.

The National Archives Week here was organised in response to a call from the International Council of Archives. The first week was celebrated in 1979 and the second was observed last December.

Dr. Sharkas said the celebration this year will provide an "opp-

portunity in which the progress we have made in record management and Archives administration during the last year will be reviewed."

"We hope that this occasion would draw attention to the importance of Archives in national life," he added.

Dr. Sharkas said that the "value of Archives is not restricted to administrative and legal aspects alone, but extends beyond that to

assert the cultural identity, pride, and dignity of nations and peoples and to act as an instrument for planning and development."

He pointed out that in the last year his department cooperated with several organisations in developing specialised archival collections and developing the department's premises and providing the building with personnel and equipment.

The department has also sent several young Jordanians abroad for technical specialisation in Archives, he added.

Fifteen persons, including three women, have been sent to the Arab Archivists Institute in Baghdad for two years of training, he said.

The department also arranged training opportunity for five Jordanians in a five-week course for paper restoration, which was organised by the Regional Arab Council of Archives (ARBICA) in cooperation with the regional office for the preservation of cultural property in Baghdad, he said.

It also supervised a lengthy appraisal process in the various government departments to decide which records had to be kept for their cultural or historical value and which had to be destroyed, he added.

Dr. Sharkas said that his department participated in organising the Harvard University Semitic Museum's exhibition opened by Her Majesty Queen Noor in Aqaba last May. The exhibition was then transferred to Amman.

The department also participated in joint efforts with Jordan Television, the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (the Al al-Bayt Foundation), the Jordan National Geographic Centre, the Armed Forces Moral Guidance Directorate and Yarmouk University, he said.

Dr. Sharkas praised the efforts of the University of Jordan's Manuscripts and Archives Centre, the Yarmouk University Jordanian Studies Centre, and the Geographic Centre. He also praised the Moral Guidance Directorate for its role in monitoring and documenting photographs and archival material. He also praised the efforts made by several other official organisations for introducing and adopting modern documentation methods.

On the international level, Jordan is a member of the Inter-

national Council of Archives (ICA) and the Jordanian delegate is an executive committee member. His election to the council was sponsored by the Third World countries in view of Jordan's chairmanship of the ICA Arab Regional Branch, he said.

Reviewing the archival collections at his department, Dr. Sharkas said first comes the Hasbemeite collection, which includes documents dating back to the Great Arab Revolt and to the early years of the Emirate of Transjordan. Some of these documents are in the form of letters by the late King Abdullah and the late Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali. The set also includes old and rare photographs of the Hasbemeite family and the country's founding fathers. The set also includes documents and photographs of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King Hussein's accession to the throne and commemorative memorabilia of the occasion. It also includes the collection of the late prime minister Ibrahim Hashem.

It also includes the Mirza family collection, which has several files containing rare documents belonging to the late Mirza Pasha, the commander of cavalry in the first years of Transjordan. The collection also contains documents and photographs of the last decade of the Ottoman era and reflects the style of life in greater Syria and Hijaz. Many of these documents are in Turkish, and they are now being translated into Arabic. The set also contains photographs and pictures contributed by Mr. Wasfi Mirza, member of the Upper House of Parliament.

Dr. Sharkas said that his department also has microfilms of documents of the Al Aqsa Holy Mosque, discovered recently in the mosque and dating back to the Mameluke era.

This year, the department received two important collections. The first came from the Semitic Museum at Harvard University. It includes pictures dating back some 100 years ago of various sites of Jordan and have great documentary and aesthetic value. The second collection, was obtained from the Netherlands and includes pictures of Jordan and Palestine in particular and the Arab World in general and dates back to the period 1900 to 1927.

Dr. Sharkas explained that indexing and arrangement of these photographs is currently taking

place in preparation for placing them under the disposal of researchers.

Dr. Sharkas said the National Archives Week includes an exhibition Wednesday under the auspices of the Minister of Culture and Youth, entitled "Cities, Past and Present." Rare photographs will be shown, some of them taken some 100 years ago, while others were taken from the air during World War I.

The exhibition is organised in cooperation with the Jordanian

National Geographic Centre, and will be held at the Haya Arts Centre as of 4.00 p.m. tomorrow and continue until Jan. 6, 1982. The exhibition will then tour the various parts of the country.

Dr. Sharkas added that within the week, a seminar on archives will be held in which several experts from Jordan and other Arab countries will participate. One or more lectures will be delivered on national archives, and a campaign through the various Jordanian information media, will be carried out. Posters will be distributed to assert the significance of archives and their role in the lives of nations and peoples.

Speaking about the aspiration of his department, Dr. Sharkas said that his department has prepared a plan for developing and supporting regional and international cooperation programmes regarding the exchange of documents and archives, particularly the retrieving of immigrant documents.

The department is also about to begin planning and constructing a suitable building to house documents. JD 3 million has been allocated for the construction which will house archives, documentation and libraries. It will be completed within the current five-year development plan.



The late King Hussein Ibn Ali (right) arrives in Amman in 1924. Behind him is then-prime minister Hassan Khaled Abdul Huda. The uniformed officer is

Arab Legion Commander Frederick Peake Pasha. The late King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein is seen at far left.



A cavalry company of the Arab Legion, led by Wasfi Mirza, leaves camp to embark on a desert patrol in 1940.



Prince Zaid Ibn Al Hussein, deputy commander of the Northern Arab Army and other regulars inspect

an Austrian field gun captured from the Ottoman Turks during the battle of Fafleh on Jan. 25, 1917.



Triumphal entrance of Sharifian troops into Aqaba, under the command of Sharif Nasser Ibn Ali, on July 6, 1917.

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# NATIONAL

## Haya Centre puppet play debuts today --no strings attached

By Gamini Akroemana  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Nov. 28 — Lover of nature and henpecked husband, Uncle Za'rou goes around preaching a doctrine about trees that any conservationist would applaud. When he hears that a kidnapped girl needs his help, he doesn't hesitate to step forward, and begin an unpredictable odyssey to find the City of Pepper, beyond the River of Darkness.

The fact that Uncle Za'rou is a puppet isn't going to make him any less of a hero to his audience when the Haya Puppet Theatre opens its latest production, *The Adventures of Uncle Za'rou; in the Rescue of Rehaneh*, on Monday. To make a hero out of a puppet, and have an audience believe in him, is hard. And a puppet theatre faces added difficulties in a country where, as yet, few have an idea what puppets can do, especially when they have enterprising puppeteers behind them — or, as in this case, under them.

Just over two years old, the Haya Puppet Theatre is determined to have its say in entertaining Jordanians. And this doesn't necessarily mean only children. A 90-year-old woman proved that when she came to see the theatre's first production, an adaptation of the Thousand and One Nights, performed at a school in the village of Rabahiya.

Miss Wafa Qusous wrote the script, designed the puppets and did practically everything else by herself for that first production. She recalls that practically everybody in the village of 120 inhabitants turned up to see Sheherazade, the talkative daughter of the sleepy king, try to keep him from falling asleep.

That production included a real live man, acting as the genie. But this time the entire cast will be genuine puppets. And there will be no strings attached to them. The puppets are manipulated by a system of iron rods from below. The polystyrene puppets are light, but to keep them moving for three-quarters of an hour is hard work. Accordingly, everybody at the theatre has been following a programme of muscle-toning exercises.

Work on *The Adventures of Uncle Za'rou* began on Sept. 1. The product of nearly two months' labour, in which the two directors and five assistants worked round the clock, will be compressed into 45 minutes of actual play time. Dedication means skipping lunch, and working out problems after going home. The still doesn't mean there's any time to spare.

but that they strive to stay one jump, one step, ahead of the deadline. It has been a question of stepping in line right up to dress rehearsal Sunday — barely 24 hours before the first public performance Monday, which is also the fifth anniversary of the Haya Arts Centre.

The villain of the piece is Kaslan in English, Lazybones — who likes gardens but not gardening. This makes him force other people to do his gardening for him. His latest victim is Rehaneh, whom Kaslan keeps prisoner in his castle to water his flowers and prune his hedges. It's up to Uncle Za'rou, aided by a lethargic fox, monkey and bird, to rescue her.

That's enough to capture the imagination of any young audience. Miss Qusous, co-directing the show, recalls that 35,000 children all over Jordan saw the first production, *The Thousand and One Nights*. But she also told the Jordan Times of difficulties in convincing sceptics everywhere to give the kids a chance to see her puppets. The show was produced at a loss. The rock-bottom prices the theatre charged didn't cover the costs of carrying the show all over Jordan, spending three to five days in each town.

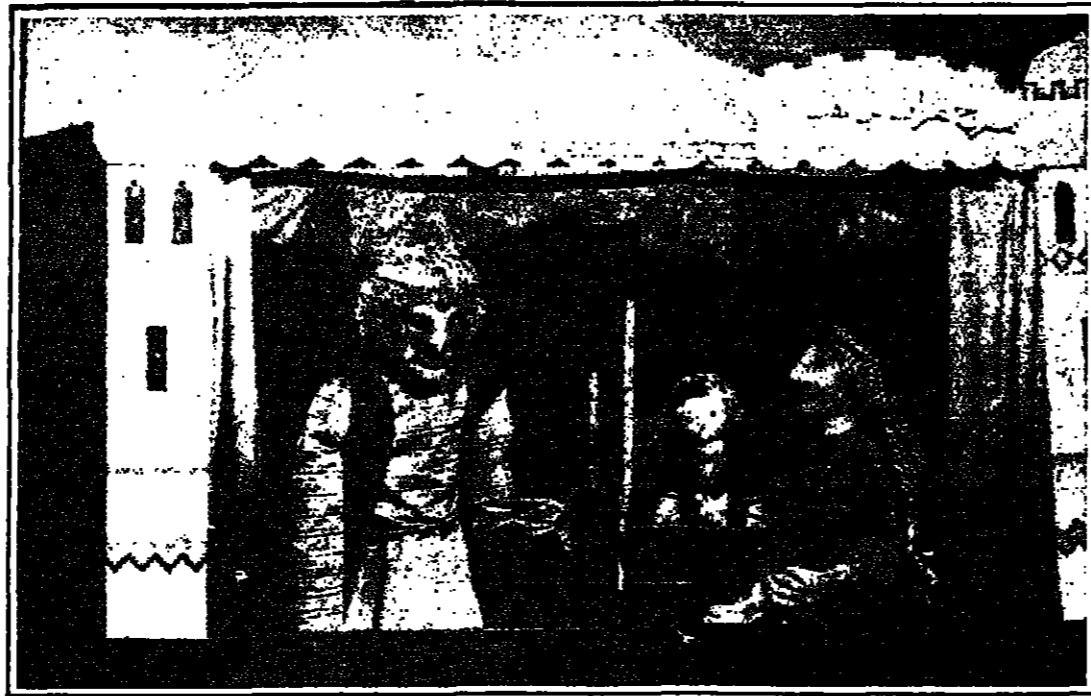
The other director is Miss Lisa Aimee Sturz from the United States. Miss Sturz, who plans to do the first Ph.D. degree in puppet theatre in the U.S., finds the general attitude towards puppets and puppetry in Jordan much more to her liking than what she encountered in the U.S.

"In the States," she told the Jordan Times, "people used to laugh about puppets. They would ask me if puppetry could be an art form." She thinks that it could be, depending upon the degree of excellence reached, and notes that Spanish poet and playwright Federico Garcia Lorca worked often with puppet theatre.

Miss Sturz also thinks the reason people here don't find puppets indescribably funny is that they are rare. The puppets at the Haya Theatre are among the first in Jordan.

The script of *The Adventures of Uncle Za'rou* was adapted by Miss Qusous, who also wrote the songs. The music for the songs was written by Alla Khairy. The background music is by Jordanian composer Sami Khouri. Haya Centre Director Nabil Sawalha did the sound direction, and the recording was done at the Holyland Studios.

Miss Qusous says they could have gone on with the earlier production forever. But, being



Uncle Za'rou (far right) and Rehaneh plead with the villain Kaslan

interested in new forms, she and Miss Sturz decided to do something new. They do hope that Uncle Za'rou will be the hero of a series of programmes, each different from the last, but always with Uncle Za'rou as the central character. They don't however, see his adventures developing into a series along the lines of, for instance, the popular Muppet Show on television.

"The Muppet Show depends a lot upon camera work," Miss Sturz said. "Working with puppets is different."

"And there are other problems with a television show," Miss Qusous says. "There will be a lot of people who want to make a lot of changes. It will end up being different from what you want it to be."

They also think that having the audience in the same room as the puppets brings it that much closer. The difference is similar to that between the cinema and the live theatre, they said. Watching a live puppet show, the audience finds only one stage in front of it, instead of the two that distance it while watching the puppet stage through the T.V. screen.

Miss Sturz worked with the professional theatre in the U.S. before she turned her attention to puppets. She has worked with dance and theatre workshops since 1977, and is a member of the Puppeteers of America. Miss Qusous says she joined the Haya Arts Centre as a librarian after completing a degree in English literature from the University of Jordan. She joined the Haya Centre because of her interest in fine arts. While teaching students at the centre, she had the opportunity to see visiting Syrian puppeteers, and work with them. Then her own puppets came along, and afterwards she spent four months in Britain studying puppetry. The visit of Britain's Polka Puppets to Jordan was a result of that stay.

After its opening at the Amman Haya Centre, *The Adventures of Uncle Za'rou; in the Rescue of Rehaneh* will travel throughout Jordan. A bigger audience, and a better reaction, is expected with this second show. The script contains a subtle message about conservation and the need for more and more greenery in a country like Jordan — but not too subtle

for the five-to-12-year-olds for whom the script was written.

For the future, among other things, there is a plan to hold a joint festival with the puppet groups of other Arab countries, such as Lebanon and Egypt, next year. Another idea is to develop the puppets into more abstract forms. All that will depend upon how successful Uncle Za'rou will be in rescuing Rehaneh.

The Amman debut opens Monday at 4 p.m., at the Haya Arts Centre.

### Kamel Sharif receives African Muslim chief

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The Acting President of the Islamic solidarity society in Western Africa, Sheikh Khattab Sharif Bu Janeh, today called on Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif. They discussed means of bolstering cooperation between the African society and Jordan in religious affairs. The ministry's under-secretary, Sheikh Izzedin Al Khatib, also met with Sheikh Khattab to discuss the condition of Muslims in Western African nations. During the meeting, Sheikh Izzedin briefed the guest on the conditions of Muslim and Islamic holy places in the occupied Arab territories, Zionist violations of and encroachments on holy shrines and measures against Arab and Muslim inhabitants. Sheikh Khattab is currently on a tour of several Islamic countries to explore means of bolstering their relations with Muslim states in Africa.

## Statistics Department studies populace growth

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The Department of Statistics is conducting a survey to assess Jordan's population growth rate by determining the number of births and deaths, and the emigration rate in the country, according to the department's director general, Dr. Burhan Shraydeh.

By conducting the initial survey, covering a sample of 1,400 families, the department is looking for major changes and influences that have affected population growth over the past two years. These include fertility and death, Dr. Shraydeh added.

He said that there is a large gap at present between the rates of births and deaths. Recently there has been a noticeable surge in births and a slowing of the death rate, which resulted in a 3.8 per cent population growth.

The questionnaire distributed to the families enquires about fam-



Burhan Shraydeh

ily members, their education levels, marital status, place of residence—in the rural or urban regions—number of births, children born to each woman, number of births and deaths in the family, their sex, number of marriages and other related questions.

The importance of such a survey, Dr. Shraydeh said, lies in the fact that its outcome will be taken into consideration in the implementation of the new 1981-85 development plan. The results will also be made available to researchers and decision-makers to plan a population policy in the country, he added. Copies will go to the Jordanian government and to the population research centre at North Carolina University.

All data and other information gathered about the sample families will be handled in strict confidence, Dr. Shraydeh pointed out. He appealed to families selected for the survey to cooperate with the interviewers delegated by the Department of Statistics.

## NCC president returns from U.K.



National Consultative Council President Ahmad Al Tarawneh speaks to a reporter upon his return from Britain Sunday (Petra photo)

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) President Ahmad Al Tarawneh returned to Amman from Britain this evening at the end of a private visit. The visit was preceded by an official visit in response to an invitation from the British government and parliamentary organisation in the United Kingdom. Mr. Tarawneh said that he had noticed a notice-

able change in the stands of British parliamentarians towards just rights of the Arabs. He also emphasised the need for an increased Arab presence in Europe, in order to prompt European peoples to intensify their support of the just Arab cause.

The NCC will hold a session tomorrow under Mr. Tarawneh, to discuss items on its agenda.



Poster publishing the Haya Puppet Theatre's current production



Co-directors Wafa Qusous (left) and Lisa Sturz (Staff photos by Yousef Al 'Allam)

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Aqaba traffic still swelling

AQABA, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The number of ships calling at Aqaba Port in the past nine months registered increased by 101 over the figure given for the same period in 1980, according to the Aqaba port authority. It said that the number of ships docking in Aqaba between March and November of this year was 529, against 428 in the same period of last year.

### Foreign exchange course set

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The Association of Banks in Jordan will open a 10-day training course on Tuesday for employees of banks and financial firms in Jordan. Participants in the course will be oriented on factors affecting foreign exchange rates, Central Bank regulations in this respect and the Jordanian dinar's relationship with other currencies.

### Aides due for CAEU session

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (J.T.) — The 38th session of the Council for Arab Economic Unity will convene at a ministerial level in Amman on Wednesday, the local press reported today. Kuwaiti Finance and Planning Minister Abdul Latif Al Hamad, North Yemeni Minister of Economy Mohammad Hiram Al Shawahati and Palestine Liberation Organisation Economic Department Head Mohammad Zuhdi Al Nashashibi will arrive in Amman on Tuesday to attend the meeting.

### Birzeit thanks U.J. chief

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The acting president of the University of Jordan, Dr. Rashid Al Digr, today received a reply cable from Birzeit University President Dr. Hanna Nasser thanking him for the support offered to Birzeit University by the University of Jordan in the wake of the latter's two-month closure at the order of the Israeli authorities. The University of Jordan had sent cables to the secretary general of the Union of Arab Universities and the Federation of International Universities condemning Israel's measures.

### Zarqa charity gets land donation

ZARQA, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The Zarqa branch of the General Union of Voluntary Societies today announced its donation of a piece of land to the new Zarqa society for the welfare of handicapped. On this land the society will build a centre, which will include a nursery and a school for rehabilitating handicapped children under 16 years of age. The project is expected to cost JD 25,000.

### Monetary miscreants meet justice

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — A Lebanese national, George Mahfouz, has been sentenced by the military court to three months in prison and the payment of a JD 10 fine for offering to bribe a public official. Also, 10 Jordanian merchants have been fined JD 50 each for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. The sentences were endorsed by the military governor today.

## Inter-Arab seminar set on marine environment

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — The Arab Federation of Shipping (AFS) will open a seminar at the Amman Chamber of Industry on Dec. 10 to discuss means of protecting the marine environment from pollution.

During the two-day seminar, the participants will discuss marine environmental protection and international agreements issued by the U.N. Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation (IMCO), according to Mr. Ahmad Fawzi Abu Nuwwar, director general of the Jordanian Ports Corporation.

He said the participants, from Jordan, other Arab countries and Arab League organisations, will have the opportunity to identify various problems in this field and explore effective measures to deal

## No more frozen chicken

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (J.T.) — The Ministry of Supply has decided to stop distributing frozen chicken to poultry stores. The decision was taken because there are sufficient quantities of local live chicken for local consumption, and in order to encourage poultry breeders to increase their production, Al Ra'i newspaper reported today.

It quoted Ministry of Supply officials as saying that the decision does not mean that the ministry does not have enough frozen chickens. It will begin to distribute these again when supplies fail to cover the local market, they said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture today issued a statement limiting the importation of certain types of fruit and other agricultural products. According to the statement tomatoes, aubergines, cucumbers, marrows, citrus fruit, grapes, melons and pears, as well as pineapples and bananas, may not be imported in the coming month.

The statement did not prohibit the export of any of these types of produce.

## 6 villages to get services centre

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — A local community centre will be established in 'Allan to offer services to 'Allan, Subelini, Umm Jozeh, Zay, Umm Al Amad and Remimin, it was announced here today.

The announcement said that the centre's governing council, comprising representatives of the public and private sectors, will hold its first meeting on Wednesday to draw up programmes for social and economic development in the six villages.

The 15-member council, it said, will be cooperating with the Princess Rahmah Community Centre in 'Allan in working out and implementing its programmes.

## Cordoba olive-harvest seminar set

AMMAN, Nov. 29 (Petra) — A two-man delegation from the Ministry of Agriculture left for Cordoba, Spain today to take part in an international seminar on mechanical olive harvesting.

The seminar, scheduled to start tomorrow, is expected to last two weeks. Participants will have the opportunity to look into means of gathering olives with the use of machinery, the planting of olive saplings and other matters connected with olive cultivation.

Taking part in the seminar will be delegates from Spain, Italy, Algeria, Greece, France, Cyprus, Syria, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Libya, and Jordan.

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## DE FACTONOMICS

# Industrial expansion in Jordan

By T.A. Jaber

LAST WEEK, I had the opportunity to visit Jordan's industrial fair which was held at Yarmouk University in Irbid. Though housed in a limited space and not meant to be a comprehensive exhibition, it was impressive and indicative of the remarkable industrial expansion and diversification which Jordan has achieved. A knowledgeable source commented that the fair only represented about 30 per cent of industries in Jordan.

Our industrial capabilities will be much better exposed once the permanent industrial exhibition, which is currently being designed, is constructed. Furthermore, one could argue about a number of impressions of the fair.

First, there has been considerable expansion in industrial investment which is reflected in industrial production and income. Jordan's private and public sectors have not been mainly investing in construction as it may appear

for a visitor touring Amman's hills. Indeed, industrial income increased from JD 30.5 million in 1975 to JD 108.4 million, three and-a-half times its previous level.

Another big jump is expected to show in the coming two years when the Potash and Fertiliser plants begin their operations and when the expansion of the cement and phosphate projects are completed.

Second, our industrial products are of high quality and comparable to imported goods. The government policy of limited protectionism and leaving the door a little too open to imported substitutes, had surprising inductive effects on our industrialists to improve the quality of their products.

I have observed other countries' experience in industrialisation, which under a heavy wall of customs protection, led to inefficiency and low quality products.

Most of our new industries

have not been merely import-substitution, particularly that our local market is of a small size. Fortunately, our private investors have followed the example of the newly industrialised countries of the Far East by producing mainly for export. In our case, Iraq and the other oil-exporting countries presented an expanding market for our manufactured products.

A new breed of industrialists have emerged in the last five years. They are mostly young people who have acquired the knowhow in the West and later started their family business in Jordan.

Foreign investment continues to be of very limited significance. The new industrialists have a distinct pattern of attitudes towards labour relations, marketing and management in general.

Our industries are not only competing with foreign imports in Jordan and in the neighbouring Arab markets,

but they also compete among themselves. In every industrial branch, there is more than one firm particularly in plastics, clothing, paints, construction materials, pharmaceuticals, detergents, and furniture. There exists a need for more coordination among these industries to enhance their vertical and horizontal integration.

Finally, a better geographical distribution of our industries is gradually evolving in the country. There is still a concentration of industries in the Amman-Zarqa area, but new ones have been located in Irbid, Salt, Baqa, Aqaba and others. The establishment and demarcation of industrial zones around the country would attract more producers.

In the Jordan Valley, agro-industries should be encouraged by the government and this may be led by some semi-public financial institutions.

Industrial expansion can be accelerated if some bottlenecks

are tackled and institutional changes are made. Land for locating industries can be limited or expensive for the investor. There are specific contradictions in our customs tariff which favour the importation of finished goods rather than the raw materials. Bank loans are not always available and the requirement of fixed assets as collateral does not always provide the industrialist with the required funds.

Skilled labour is scarce and mobile. Most of the raw materials are imported at the world market prices. The cost of energy is increasing. Telephones and other communication facilities are not easily obtained.

Indeed, our industries have flourished in spite of many bottlenecks and have become an increasing export item. It is now more compelling to establish a Federation of Jordan Industries (FJI) to replace the Amman Chamber of Industry, particularly that new families

of industries have been established. The FJI will represent all industries spread in Jordan and will encourage sectoral groupings with the objective of making use of potential linkages and economies.

Export promotion needs further efforts particularly in quality control and certification. A long-term view and relationship should be pursued towards our markets and clients abroad. Export promotion teams representing Jordanian industries should be formed and should not depend only on individual initiatives.

A main aspect of encouraging investment is to help solve the specific problems of each industry. An office may be established in the Ministry of Industry and Trade to receive industrial complaints and adequately solve them.

Assisting our new industries should not always be taken as a subjective and personal favour. It is rather a duty in our pursuit for a better Jordan.

## Magic & make-believe

THE RESUMPTION of the mission of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib comes at a particularly awkward period in the Middle East. The separate peace agreement between Egypt and Israel is entering its last act, while the Arab World remains badly divided on the peace proposals of Saudi Arabia. The Americans continue to push ahead with their activist policies, apparently unbothered by the general hostility they continue to generate throughout much of the Arab World. The fact remains, however, that the absence of a coherent Arab political programme perpetuates the void into which the Americans continue to push themselves.

Mr. Habib is the fellow who managed to pull off a ceasefire between the PLO and Israel without either side having to formally acknowledge the existence of the other. It was, as those things go, quite a neat trick, reminiscent of the magic acts of Dr. Henry Kissinger. But it was also, like all magic shows, a display of make-believe. It was a good thing that Mr. Habib could avert a war over the Syrian missiles and Israel's overflights in Lebanon. But for Mr. Habib to have frozen the situation without moving forward on the road towards an Arab-Israeli peace relegates his actions to the realm of science fiction. To suspend time is quite an impressive feat, but we expect a great deal more than that from a would-be peace-maker. Mr. Habib has always carried out his difficult task on the basis that he cannot deal directly or indirectly with the PLO — because Israel does not allow the American government to have contacts with the PLO. We would hope that Mr. Habib's mission could nudge the Palestinians and the Israelis towards mutual recognition, leading to an eventual peace process of real substance. That seems unlikely, given the Israeli stranglehold over American policy in the Arab World. Mr. Habib has our deep sympathy.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

### Real solidarity

AL RA'I: We hope that the anniversary of the partition of Palestine would lead the Arabs to express their solidarity with the Palestinian people in a positive way which transcends mere slogans and speeches.

The real expression must be shown in solidarity among the Arabs themselves, in order to protect their identity and existence. This is how Arabs should express solidarity with the Palestinian people, particularly because they understand that the danger which hit the Palestinian people is currently threatening all of them.

Solidarity with the Palestinian people necessitates that the Arab people rise up to the challenges confronting them and fend off the danger threatening not only the Palestinian people but all of the Arab Nation.

It is besides the point to remind of the fact that solidarity among the Arabs themselves is the major step for building their intrinsic strength without which the Arab Nation cannot take the initiative to determine its future, preserve its identity and regain its usurped rights.

If the infokiln in the occupied territories have been able to confront the aggressive plots and schemes despite the oppression of the Israeli occupation forces, then it is the duty of Arabs outside the walls of occupation to rebuild Arab ranks, to adhere to Arab solidarity, and to sidestep differences and meaningless sensitivities in order to be able to practise genuine solidarity with the Palestinian people. The Palestinian people do not await more slogans and speeches. They are expecting positive and meaningful action which can enable them, the Arab Nation and the future generations to protect their identity, dignity and better life.

### Noble gesture

AL DUSTOUR: The Palestinian people do appreciate world support for them against Israeli oppression and inhuman practices. The day of solidarity with the Palestinian people takes place at a time when our Arab Nation is still experiencing the feeling of oppression and humiliation imposed on them by the Zionist onslaught. The Arab citizens also feel bitter and disappointed due to the absence of joint Arab action capable of confronting the challenges and mobilizing Arab potentials against these challenges.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has reminded everyone that the Great Arab Revolt has always considered challenges against the Arab Nation as threats that must be confronted on a pan-Arab level. He reminded us that the Arab awakening has always called for the right to self-determination for all Arabs, and particularly for the Palestinian people.

The day of solidarity with the Palestinian people is a noble gesture to this people. But this feeling is something that does not live for long because immediately after this day of solidarity, our people under occupation resume their lives under oppression imposed on them by the Israeli occupation. This solidarity with the Palestinian people can be effective only if world support comes to aid a firm and clear Arab stand that can really support our right in our homeland and the steadfastness of our people against the daily racist practices adopted by the Israelis in occupied Palestine.

This international solidarity with our cause must drive us to establish the serious Arab action which does away with all differences among the Arab brothers. Our main and major preoccupation must be how to confront the racist Zionist onslaught which threatens our very existence and identity.

## Why the U.S. should be cautious about links with Israel

By Ron Cathell

WHEN Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin visited Washington in September, it was announced that he and President Ronald Reagan had agreed "in principle" to upgrade U.S.-Israeli military relations. The catchwords "strategic cooperation" were immediately attached to the process.

Also as immediate was the reaction from the Arab World and Israeli politicians at home. Arab leaders condemned the "strategic cooperation" as a dangerous escalation of the Israeli proclivity to resort to military actions with impunity against its Arab neighbours. Israeli politicians were split in condemning or praising the new development.

In announcing the agreement "in principle" to the Washington press corps, Mr. Begin went into great detail about what Israel envisaged the cooperation to mean. He had come to Washington with a list of proposals. Reagan Administration sources quickly added that the U.S. did not have an extensive programme in mind, and one Pentagon official said the entire "strategic cooperation" process was linked to the outcome of the AWACS vote six weeks later. He implied that the "strategic cooperation" would be scrapped if the president's AWACS proposal was defeated. Mr. Begin denied that there was any linkage to the AWACS deal, but it was generally regarded that the Pentagon official's statement was an accurate reflection of the administration's view.

Although President Reagan showed much enthusiasm for the agreement in principle, he remained firmly uncommitted about details despite Mr. Begin's loudly vocalised proposals. As one U.S. official remarked at the time, "there may be less here that meets the ear."

The Israeli delegation had pleaded for a formal written memorandum of understanding on the cooperation effort, but U.S. officials declined saying it was unnecessary. "The effort is already launched, so we don't need the pad. We don't have to write 20 pages of foolscap about it," a U.S. official said.

Mr. Begin had asked the U.S. to agree to six key points, but he did not describe them all to reporters. Some points include: — Positioning on Israeli soil of heavy U.S. military equipment including tanks, armoured personnel carriers and munitions. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said earlier that perhaps only "medical supplies" might be stored in Israel. Use of Israeli ports by the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. Gen. Haig said the U.S. might use Israeli maintenance facilities for U.S. military forces in the region.

Gen. Haig also mentioned the possibility of joint naval and land manoeuvres.

— An Israeli air cover to protect U.S. transport airlifts far into the eastern Mediterranean.

— Use by the U.S. Air Force of the two air bases being built in the Negev to replace the Israeli air bases in the Sinai to be returned to Egypt.

The thrust of Mr. Begin's proposals outraged many Israeli politicians, both from the Left and Right, who viewed the "strategic cooperation" aimed at confronting a Soviet threat as nothing more than a scheme for Israel to fight an American battle. The Israeli military would become a mercenary in the service of an alien cause, they argued. Also, the strategic cooperation would give the U.S. the opportunity to increase its influence over Israeli military affairs and enable the U.S. to pressure Israel into moderate approaches to national defence.

In Washington, there is similar growing scepticism about the implications of the strategic cooperation. Gen. Haig has said the administration wants to limit its military relations with Israel so as not to upset Arab countries who could also be a major of joint operations to protect the region. The Reagan administration wants to invite the Saudis, with their AWACS, and other Arab countries to coordinate with U.S. forces in the region to protect the area. Gen. Haig implied that too close of military ties with Israel could hinder this possibility.

Following the president's victory on the AWACS proposal, it was suspected that Israel would try to pressure the Reagan administration to be more forthcoming on points of strategic cooperation. Some Israeli press went so far as to say Mr. Begin could tell President Reagan that the U.S. now owed Israel something. The Begin government is

expected to ask the U.S. to buy \$200-\$300 million in military equipment from Israel's defence industry in addition to increasing the grant portion of next year's total U.S. aid of \$3 billion by about \$500 million. Israel also is expected to ask that about \$300-\$500 million of the military aid be used to buy arms from Israel's own manufacturers instead of from the U.S. as stipulated in the aid agreements.

From the beginning of the "strategic cooperation" discussions, there have been differing opinions between Israel and the U.S. on what the new relation would involve. It now appears even more evident that the Reagan administration, even with the AWACS victory, is not prepared to offer on a silver platter those elements proposed by Mr. Begin on the relationship. The administration seems to be dragging its feet. Israel has sensed this and, coupled with the Israeli perception that the U.S. is tilting to the Saudis, has become quite angry. It was agreed in September that Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon would visit Washington in November to agree on written details of the new relationship. But because the Reagan administration was slow in sending an official invitation with a specific date, Gen. Sharon and Mr. Begin became offended. The U.S. should have initiated contacts "by late October at the latest," a source close to Begin said. After all, he added, Israel's defence minister is not to be summoned on short notice. Since the U.S. had not done so, Sharon decided "to get in first and inform them that he was too busy to come in November," the source said.

About a week later, Mr. Begin announced that Sharon would go to Washington on Nov. 30 to resume the talks on "strategic cooperation."

A source close to the upcoming talks said Israel wants more than

what the U.S. seems prepared to offer. The U.S. is now saying the "strategic cooperation" will be a "limited thing" that may include only joint manoeuvres and stockpiling of medical supplies. The U.S. is moving slowly. "The U.S. is being cautious in its approach because it doesn't want to go too far too fast," the source said.

Such an approach, if proven to be true, would be the wisest way for the U.S. to deal with Israel's persistence in rushing into upgraded military relations. It would be a giant step backward for the administration's goal of improving ties with moderate Arab countries if the U.S. were to allow Israel to coerce it into a grandiose "strategic cooperation" alliance. The move would be extremely alarming to all Arab countries and could be used as a propaganda ploy by other Arab countries to argue against closer ties with the U.S. The Arab World would see the U.S. as bending backward to please Israel. The U.S. should treat the "strategic cooperation" with as much caution as it possibly can.

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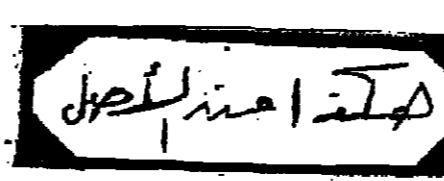
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# ECONOMY

## OPEC to discuss proposals for flexible pricing formula

BAHRAIN, Nov. 29 (R) - Six OPEC oil ministers will discuss proposals for a flexible oil pricing formula at a special meeting on December 8 in the United Arab Emirates, a senior OPEC source in the Gulf said today.

The six, all members of OPEC's long-term strategy committee, will meet the day before a full 13-nation OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) conference in Abu Dhabi. OPEC's president, Indonesian Oil Minister Dr. Subroto, said last week in Vienna that OPEC was considering proposals for a new long-term pricing formula, flexible enough to allow real prices to

remain stable or even decline in a soft market. He added that the strategy probably would not be approved at the full Abu Dhabi meeting. An original pricing formula included in OPEC's draft long term strategy for the 1980s would have raised the real price of oil by an estimated two to three per cent a year regardless of the state of the market.

## Reagan's bid to boost nuclear industry

By David Buchan

WASHINGTON: President Reagan has been sending the ailing U.S. nuclear industry a series of "get well cards" promising fewer barriers to exports, help in disposing of its growing heap of radioactive waste, speedier government licensing of new reactors and an opening up of fuel reprocessing to private companies.

It is not clear whether the patient will respond, even to Mr. Reagan's bedside manner. The nuclear industry's real problems seem to be caused by the state of the U.S. economy, which has depressed the increase in demand for power to almost 3 per cent a year, compared to 7 per cent in the early 1970s.

At the same time, high interest rates have made it acutely expensive for utility companies to build reactors on borrowed money and there is sharp public concern about reactor safety since the Three Mile Island accident in 1979.

As a result, U.S. reactor companies have received no new orders in the past three years. Ironically, Westinghouse, General Electric, Combustion and Babcock and Wilcox have kept going MA re-design work and supplying components to meet the raised safety standards required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

This is fine for these companies in the short term, but does not bode well for the longer outlook. Owing to shutdowns on safety

grounds, the U.S. power industry is operating its reactors only 65 per cent of the time, compared to 75 per cent in 1978.

Some utilities, such as Washington Public Power on the West Coast, have mothballed unfinished reactors for a couple of years to the relief of their stockholders and bankers.

The recent start up of the Diablo Canyon reactor in California over the protests of several hundred demonstrators - did nothing to improve the nuclear industry's image or morale. Almost immediately afterwards, the NRC and the plant's operator discovered that pipes designed for one part of the reactor had been mistakenly installed in another part.

Nevertheless, Mr. Reagan, who increased spending on nuclear power in his 1981-82 budget (in contrast to cuts in other energy sectors), is trying to help the nuclear industry both at home and abroad.

The Administration's refrain is that the U.S. must re-establish its reputation abroad as a competitive and reliable nuclear supplier. To this end, it is con-

templating low-priced fuel and joint nuclear research programmes for companies that buy reactors from the U.S.

In addition, vice-president George Bush hinted during his recent tour in Brazil that the Administration is considering changes in U.S. non-proliferation policy and law, reversing the souring of relations between the U.S. and

President Reagan has promised to relax controls on America's ailing nuclear industry. But the U.S. demand for energy is flagging, so will the industry take advantage of its new freedom?

many of its nuclear customers which occurred during the Carter years. Lower-level officials made similar hints during a tour in South Africa.

The question is whether the White House is raising expectations abroad which it will be unable to fulfil in Congress.

The Administration is considering specific legal changes, according to a confidential internal document, including a switch in licensing nuclear export materials from the quasi-independent NRC to the State Department, under the executive's thumb.

The changes which could stir a storm on Capitol Hill are in the document's suggestions of eliminating the present legal sanctions (a cut off in all U.S. aid and nuclear trade) on non-nuclear weapon states believed to be building a bomb, and of rewriting the 1978 U.S. non-proliferation law so that it would not affect nuclear

## Gulf states consider \$600m joint venture

BAHRAIN, Nov. 29 (R) - Three Gulf countries are considering building a \$600 million plant in Bahrain to process heavy fuel oil into lighter and more valuable products, a Bahrain industry ministry spokesman said today.

The heavy oil conversion company, owned 40 per cent by Bahrain and 30 per cent each by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, was formally inaugurated over the weekend to begin studies.

The plant would process up to 80,000 barrels a day of heavy fuel oil from refineries in the three countries and elsewhere in the Gulf into naphtha, kerosene, diesel fuel and other products.

Oil would be brought to Bahrain by tanker and pipeline. Production would not begin until 1985 at the earliest, he said. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait already have heavy oil processing plants but the Bahrain project would be the first to be jointly owned.

free government facilities to concentrate on making weapons.

That might have been dandy, were it not for the fact that private companies seem to be no longer interested in reprocessing, as Allied Corporation, one of the owner-operators of the semi-finished reprocessing plant at Barnswell, South Carolina, has just made clear.

The senior vice-president of Allied Corporation said in a letter last month to Mr. James Edwards, the Energy Secretary, that his company and its partner did not plan to spend another \$500 million-\$600 million on completing the Barnswell plant because they believed that reprocessing was "commercially impracticable." Instead, the company is taking its earlier investment as a write-off.

Reprocessing's heyday seems to be over, for the moment at least. All three U.S. reprocessing plants only one ever saw actual service - are now closed down.

They were conceived in the 1960s when estimates of nuclear power demand were more grandiose and when it was felt that it would be necessary to recycle or reprocess scarce and expensive uranium. That fuel is now \$23 a pound on the spot market, compared to \$40 five years ago.

It is certainly true that the nuclear industry has welcomed Mr. Reagan's promise to speed up the licensing of reactors. But the practical impact of that will depend more on the future course of U.S. electricity demand and the economy than on the Administration itself.

predating this law, such as India, South Africa, Brazil and Argentina, cause the most acute proliferation worries.

The Administration's document recognises that "a major effort will be required on the (Capitol) Hill" to make these changes. Indeed the Senate sent the White House a very specific warning last month, when it passed an amendment, proposed by Republican Senator Jesse Helms, which would cut off all U.S. aid to any supposedly non-nuclear country which exploded a nuclear bomb.

By lifting the 1977 Carter ban on domestic reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, Mr. Reagan sought to do three things: to show that the U.S. no longer believed reprocessing was taboo; to point a way to solving the problem of how to deal with waste fuel; and to get commercial nuclear companies more involved in the production of plutonium in a way that would

## China to pass new tax law

PEKING, Nov. 29 (R) - New tax and contract laws with far-reaching implications for China's foreign trade are due to be passed at this year's session of the country's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), starting here tomorrow.

The accord will be heavily on the economy during the session, expected to last at least 10 days and include a comprehensive economic report by Premier Zhao Ziyang.

Foreign business interests, particularly in the United States, are likely to focus on a new law on taxing foreign companies that is due to be passed.

U.S. oil companies considering bidding for rights to exploit Chinese offshore oil resources are worried that the taxes they would pay in China could not be credited against their tax liabilities at home.

Western tax experts here said that an initial draft of the Chinese tax law contained separate provisions for taxing foreign oil companies, and these would not have been acceptable for tax deduction purposes in the United States. But a new draft applies to all

foreign firms, in which case oil companies probably would be able to deduct at least part of the taxes they paid here from their U.S. liabilities, they said.

The tax law is an urgent priority for China because it has said it will be ready to call for bids for oil development rights by the end of this year or early next.

At least half of the foreign oil companies likely to be interested in making bids are American.

The experts said the tax rates are likely to range from 20 to 40 per cent on a sliding scale, plus a 10 per cent surcharge on the tax paid and possibly a withholding tax of 10 per cent on income remitted from China.

## Rao calls for cooperation among developing countries

KATMANDU, Nepal, Nov. 29 (A.P.) - Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said today that developing countries must make greater efforts to develop cooperation in a spirit of "collective" self-reliance.

"We deem it extremely important that the developing countries should try to help one another," Mr. Rao said in an address to the Nepal Council of World Affairs.

He noted that "some of us have raw materials and other resources, others have finance and still others have technical manpower. We could achieve a lot if we could pool our resources and coordinate our policies."

Mr. Rao also called "positive and encouraging" recent meetings of foreign secretaries of seven South Asian countries in Katmandu and Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Earlier today, Mr. Rao had a 90-minute meeting with Lal Bahadur Shastri, Nepal's minister for water resources and power. A spokesman said the two ministers discussed topics such as flood forecasting and agreed to exchange data on waterways that affect territories on both sides of the border.

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  - 7:25 Local Programme
  - 8:00 News in Arabic
  - 8:30 Arabic Series
  - 9:30 Local Programme
  - 10:10 Local Show
  - 11:10 News in Arabic
- CHANNEL 6**
- 6:00 French Programme
  - 7:00 News in French
  - 7:15 Varieties
  - 7:50 News in Hebrew
  - 8:10 News in Arabic
  - 8:30 Comedy: Chantz
  - 9:10 Lady Killer
  - 10:00 News in English
  - 10:15 Magnum
  - 11:10 News in Arabic

### RADIO JORDAN

- 855 KHz AM & 99 MHz FM**
- 7:00 Sign on
  - 7:01 Morning Show
  - 7:30 News Bulletin
  - 7:40 Morning Show
  - 8:00 News Headlines
  - 8:05 Morning Show
  - 10:30 30 minute Theatre
  - 11:00 Sign off
  - 12:00 News Headlines
  - 12:05 Pop Session
  - 13:00 News Summary
  - 13:05 Pop Session
  - 14:00 News Bulletin
  - 14:10 Instrumentals
  - 14:30 30 minute Theatre
  - 15:00 Concert Hour
  - 16:00 News Summary
  - 16:05 Instrumentals
  - 16:30 Old Favorites
  - 17:30 French way of Life
  - 17:30 Pop Session
  - 18:00 News Summary
  - 18:05 Sports Round-up
  - 18:30 News Music
  - 19:00 News Desk (News bulletin, Press Review, News Reports)
  - 19:30 Instrumentals

### Evening Show

- 20:30 Evening Show
- 21:00 News Summary
- 21:05 Evening Show
- 21:57 News Headlines
- 22:00 Close down

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- 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Leave it to Smith 06:45 Notes from an Observer 06:50 Paperback Choice 06:55 Reflections 07:00 World News; 24 Hours; News Summary 07:30 Peopies' Choice 07:45 Six Irish Writers 08:00 Newsdesk 08:30 That Big Band Magic 07:00 World News; 24 Hours; News Summary 07:30 Country Style 07:45 World Service Short Story 08:00 World News; Reflections 08:15 Barbershop Style 08:30 Baker's Half Dozen 08:40 World News; British Press Review 09:15 Notes from an Observer 09:20 Goods Books 09:35 Interlude 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 Three Centuries of Italian Opera 10:15 Britain's Daily Newspapers 10:30 Frank Muir goes to... 11:00 World News; News About Britain 11:15 Culture Workshop 11:30 Pageant of the Past 12:00 Radio Newsnet 12:15 Take it or leave it 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 13:30 Country Style 13:45 Into the Water of Doubt: Ludwig Wittgenstein 14:15 Leave it to Smith 14:30 Rock Salad 15:00 Radio Newsnet 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News; Commentary 16:15 The Red and the Black 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News 17:05 Europa 17:25 New Ideas 17:35 Paperback Choice 17:40 Interlude 17:45 Sports Round-up 18:00 World News; News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsnet 18:30 A Taste of Hindi, Irish Style 19:00 Outlook: News Summary 19:30 Stock Market Report 19:45 Look Ahead 20:00 Festival Choice 20:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 20:30 Sports International 21:00 Network U.K. 21:15 Europa 21:30 Rock Salad 22:00 World News 22:05 The World Today 22:25 Book Choice 22:30 Financial News 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports

### Round up 23:00 World News;

- Commentary 23:15 Classical Record Review 23:30 Take it or Leave it

### VOICE OF AMERICA

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- 03:30 The Breakfast Show: 06:30 News, Pop music, features, listeners' questions 17:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses 17:30 Dateline 18:00 Special English: news, feature "The Making of a Nation" 18:30 Now Music: USA 19:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses 19:30 VOA Magazine: Americana, science, culture, letters 20:00 Special English; news 20:15 Music USA (Jazz) 21:00 VOA World Report 22:00 News, Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analyses.

### AMMAN AIRPORT

NOTE: The following airport arrivals and departures are provided to the Jordan Times by the Air Information department at Amman Airport, Tel. 92205-6. They should always be verified by phone before the arrival or departure of the flight.

### ARRIVALS

- 8:00 Cairo (EA)
- 8:45 Cairo
- 8:55 Amman
- 9:00 Damascus
- 9:30 Jeddah
- 9:40 Dhahran
- 9:45 Kuwait
- 9:50 Muscat, Dubai
- 10:00 Doha, Bahrain
- 10:25 Abu Dhabi
- 10:10 Beirut
- 10:35 Kuwait (SR)
- 14:25 Moscow (SU)
- 15:30 Kuwait (KAC)
- 15:35 Jeddah, Medina (SV)
- 16:00 Larnaca
- 16:30 Cairo
- 16:45 Bangkok
- 17:00 Athens
- 17:25 London (BA)
- 17:45 Benghazi (LN)
- 18:00 Cairo
- 18:25 Amsterdam, Beirut (KLM)
- 18:30 Paris, Damascus (AF)

### DEPARTURES:

- 03:30 Cairo
- 06:15 Frankfurt (LH)
- 06:30 Damascus
- 06:45 Beirut
- 07:00 Amman
- 09:00 Amman
- 09:25 Beirut (MEA)
- 11:15 Athens
- 11:45 Geneva, Zurich (SR)
- 11:45 Tunis, Madrid
- 12:00 Amsterdam, New York
- 12:15 Paris, London
- 12:15 Larnaca
- 13:00 Cairo
- 15:30 Moscow (SU)
- 16:30 Kuwait (KAC)
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- 19:15 Dhahran
- 19:30 Jeddah
- 20:15 Cairo
- 20:15 Baghdad
- 20:30 Abu Dhabi, Dubai
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- 22:00 Baghdad
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- Zaid 64476

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- British Council 36147-8
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- Al Hussein Youth City 67181
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### SERVICE CLUBS

- Lions Philadelphian Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
- Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
- Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.
- Philadelphian Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.

### MUSEUMS

- Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday to Friday. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240.
- Palace Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash.

### PRAYER TIMES

- Fajr 4:50
- Sunrise 6:17
- Dhahir 11:24
- Asr 3:52
- Maghrib 4:31
- 'Isha 5:58

### CHURCHES

- Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lawzeh-dh 37440
- St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman 24990
- De La Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein 66428
- Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali 23541
- Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman 23585
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- Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh 71331

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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- Civil Defence rescue 61111
- Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency) 36381-2
- Municipal water service (emergency) 37111-3
- Police headquarters 39141
- Najdoh patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency 21111, 37777
- Airport information (ALIA) 92285/92286
- Radio Television 73111
- Jordan Jordan 74111

### LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

- Saudi riyal 98.6/98.9
- Lebanese pound 73.7/73.7
- Syrian pound 57.2/57.6
- Iraqi dinar 655/663.3
- Kuwaiti dinar 1205.3/1209.1
- Egyptian pound 348.3/358.8
- UAE dirham 91.8/92
- Omani rial 974.5/978
- U.S. dollar 333/335
- U.K. sterling 653.5/657.4
- W. German mark 150.5/151.4
- Swiss franc 187.9/189
- Italian lire (for every 100) 59.7/60.1
- French franc 59.7/60.1
- Dutch guilder 137.5/138.3
- Swedish crown 60.9/61.3
- Belgian franc 89.5/90
- Japanese yen (for every 100) 154.5/155.4

### MARKET PRICES

- | Item                | Price | Item                  | Price |
|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Tomatoes            | 350   | Apples (Double Red)   | 260   |
| Eggplant            | 170   | Apples (Starken)      | 230   |
| Potatoes (imported) | 160   | Onions                | 130   |
| Marrow (small)      | 220   | Onions (Abu sirra)    | 220   |
| Marrow (large)      | 120   | Oranges (Shamouti)    | 130   |
| Cucumber (small)    | 240   | Oranges (local)       | 100   |
| Cucumber (large)    | 150   | Oranges (French)      | 130   |
| Hot Green Pepper    | 100   | Damascus Grapes       | 420   |
| Sweet Pepper        | 170   | Cauliflowers          | 240   |
| Onions              | 130   | Yungerie              | 160   |
| Onions (dry)        | 100   | Pears                 | 360   |
| Green onions        | 250   | Bonelli               | 130   |
| Garlic              | 600   | Carrot                | 130   |
| Spinach             | 250   | Turkey                | 100   |
| Coconut (piece)     | 450   | Cheesnut              | 130   |
| Beans               | 320   | Cheesnut              | 630   |
| Beans (Golden)      | 260   | Grapefruit            | 100   |
| Apples (Golden)     | 240   | Grapes (white, black) | 300   |
|                     |       | Beet                  | 150   |

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# SPORTS

## Evert-Lloyd reaffirms her supremacy

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 29 (A.P.) — A three-minute power blitz gave Chris Evert-Lloyd the momentum to reaffirm her standing as the women's tennis supreme in the final of the \$125,000 NSW Building Society Open at White City here today.

Evert-Lloyd's surge came in the first game of the third set against a nonplussed Martina Navratilova and swept the top seed to a 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 victory over her arch-rival.

After Navratilova had worked her way back into the match with a convincing second set win, Evert-Lloyd immediately proceeded to take her service apart with devastating base-line shots.

A power-laden forehand off a first serve, a forehand winner, a backhand to produce a forced error and a backhand winner down the line left Evert-Lloyd well on the way to a successful stage one completion of the bid for her first ever Australian Open

title.

The 26-year-old Wimbledon champion picked up \$22,000 for today's win and moved a step closer to the \$125,000 bonus pool first prize for the winner of the Toyota Series.

The win gave her a 30 point lead over Navratilova for the rich purse and means the expatriate Czech will almost certainly have to win the National Open beginning in Melbourne tomorrow to catch up.

While the third set blitz by Evert-Lloyd stunned the capacity centre-court crowd with its authority, second seeded Navratilova was left to rue the way she led the first set slip from her grasp.

The 25-year-old dual Wimbledon champion, who defected to the U.S. in 1975, looked to have a real edge over Evert-Lloyd on grass when she sneaked away with a service break and a wip lead.

She lost her service in the next game after holding a game point and held break points in the sixth

and tenth games before falling into volleying errors.

"It was mental error," said Navratilova in afterthought. "I didn't concentrate as well as I should have."

The Navratilova serve and volley style came well to the fore in the second set as she raced to a 4-1 lead and broke Evert-Lloyd's service to love in the eighth game to take the set.

"Maybe I won it too easily," the lefthander reflected, thinking back to the Evert-Lloyd onslaught in the opening game of the third set.

"I didn't give her anything — the balls were coming back very hard and perhaps I couldn't see the ball as well as I should have. Once Chris gets on top she is very hard to come back against — she started going for it."

Evert-Lloyd said her ability to return Navratilova's power serves had been the key to her victory.

"Martina is the best server in the game but the area so hard for her is that return of serve," she said.

"It's a shock if someone breaks her service but I enjoy going for her serves and trying to hit winners over them."

I know I just can't be content with getting it back."

"Evert-Lloyd said that after her first set win, there had been a doubt in her mind as to whether she could take the match in straight sets.

"She had her momentum going and it wasn't until I led 4-1 and was serving with the wind in the third set that I was pretty sure of taking it," said Evert-Lloyd.

Evert-Lloyd said she had seen early on in the match that Navratilova had a set plan to get to the net and had "drilled" her backhand and used the lob to upset her.

"Her forehands are so strong it can be fatal to feed her there but the backhand is still not a natural shot for her," Evert-Lloyd said.

It was the fourth occasion the pair had met this year and the second win for Evert-Lloyd.

Navratilova had beaten her 6-3, 6-2 on a fast carpet surface at the Lions Cup in Tokyo this month.

Today's match now brings their head-to-head standings on grass courts to 4-3 in Evert-Lloyd's favour.

Evert-Lloyd agreed the win had given her a psychological boost for the Australian Open.

"I can't look to the finals there — I've got to take every match as it comes," she said.

## China claims their first men's gymnastics titles

MOSCOW, Nov. 29 (R) — China claimed their first world men's gymnastics titles today.

Lu Yueju struck gold when he shared first place in the men's floor exercises, which launched the last day of the championships, and Li Xiaoping finished joint first after a three-way battle for the pommel horse crown.

Overall champion Yuri Korolyov of the Soviet Union set a blistering pace with a maximum score on the horse.

Gyorgy Guzozy of Hungary, Xiaoping and Michael Nikolay of East Germany then matched him with perfect 10-point scores, but Xiaoping and Nikolay shared the gold on the strength of higher averages scores during the team events.

Alexander Dityatin of the Soviet Union, back in competition after aggravating a leg injury on Friday, drew roars of appreciation from the 15,000 capacity crowd as he hobbled away from a title-winning performance on the rings.

China's Huang Yubin took silver and the bronze went to Bogdan Makuts of the Soviet Union.

Dityatin, all-round Olympic champion, followed up by sharing gold in the parallel bars with Japan's Koji Gushiken.

Soviet team mate Artur Akopiyan and Alexander Tkachov fought a fierce battle with Kivoshovo Goto of Japan and Eberhard Gienger of West Germany for the horizontal bar title.

All four scored maximum points but Tkachov clinched the gold by a narrow margin on the strength of his earlier performances.

China's Tong Fei, who performed so well on the bar earlier in the week, missed his grip after a one-handed double circle. He remounted and continued but was put of the running for a medal.

Ralph-Peter Hemman of East Germany made up for some of his team's disappointments by winning the vault.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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Neither vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
♦ A 3  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ J 6 3  
♠ A K Q 8 2

**EAST**  
♦ K J 8 7 4 2  
♥ 2  
♦ 10 9 5  
♠ 9 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♦ Q 6 5  
♥ A K J 4 3  
♦ 8 7 4  
♠ 6 5

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass  
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Ten of ♠.

The queen was covered by the king and taken with the ace. That left declarer with a spade loser to worry about. One could be discarded on a high club but, unless clubs broke 3-3, which was against the odds, declarer would have to ruff a club to set up a long club in dummy for a second discard while maintaining a trump entry to the table.

So, declarer cashed the ace and king of clubs and ruffed a club high. Now he tried to draw trumps in three rounds, ending in dummy. But when West failed to follow to the second trump, the contract was doomed.

Declarer's downfall was his failure to test trumps before committing himself to the club suit. After winning the ace of spades, declarer should first draw two rounds of trumps with the table's 10-9. If both opponents follow, declarer can protect against a 4-2 club split by cashing two high clubs and then ruffing a club with the ace of trumps. He can still get back to the table with the queen of trumps to cash the good clubs in dummy for spade discards.

But when West shows out on the second trump, declarer must face reality. He can no longer afford to ruff a club, so he must hope for a 3-3 break in the suit. Declarer simply draws four rounds of trumps and then runs the clubs. When both opponents follow to the third round, the contract is safe.

South's plan to make four hearts was sound but he overlooked one critical factor — there was no check to see whether it would succeed.

North-South would have made three no trump since the defenders could not take five diamond tricks. Still, four hearts was a normal contract and should have been brought home.

West struck declarer's weak spot with his diamond opening lead. East wasted no time in cashing three tricks in the suit, and then he shifted to the ten of spades.

## Chappell scores his fourth double century

BRISBANE, Nov. 29 (R) — Captain Greg Chappell scored his fourth double century for Australia as he put the Pakistan bowling to flight on a rain-shortened third day in the second cricket test today.

Chappell's 201 in 417 minutes with 22 fours lifted Australia to 468 for six, a first innings lead of 186. After rain washed out the final session, Chappell said Australia would bat on into the fourth day.

Chappell, who scored only 48 runs in five innings leading up to the test, was in masterly form when he resumed at 89 this morning with Australia 282 for three. He gave only one chance at 187, Sarfraz Nawaz failing to hold a shin-high return catch.

Fast bowler Sikander Bakht claimed Chappell's wicket half an hour before tea with the help of a catch at mid wicket by Zaheer Abbas.

But it was Imran Khan who was the most impressive of the beleaguered Pakistani bowlers. He took the other two Australian wickets to fall to today, bowling Kim Hughes and Dirk Wellham, and finished with three for 74 from 34 overs.

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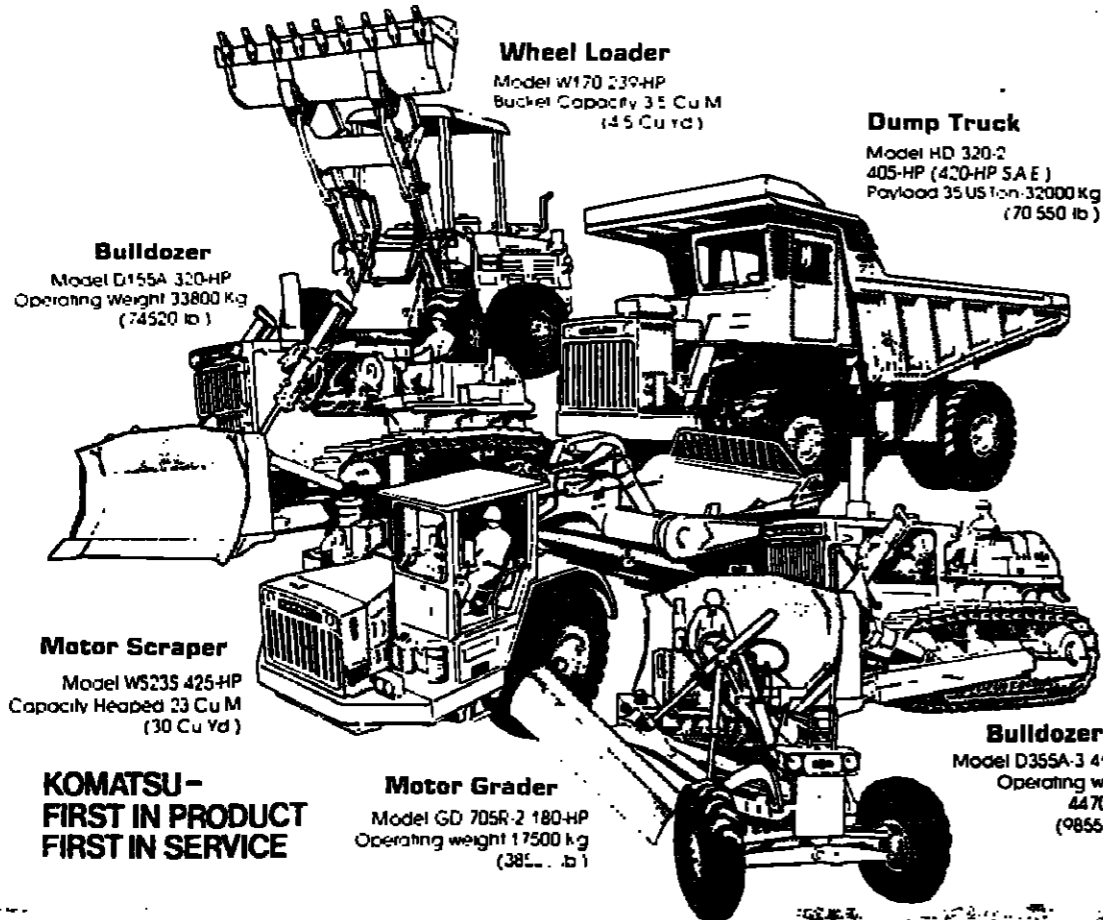
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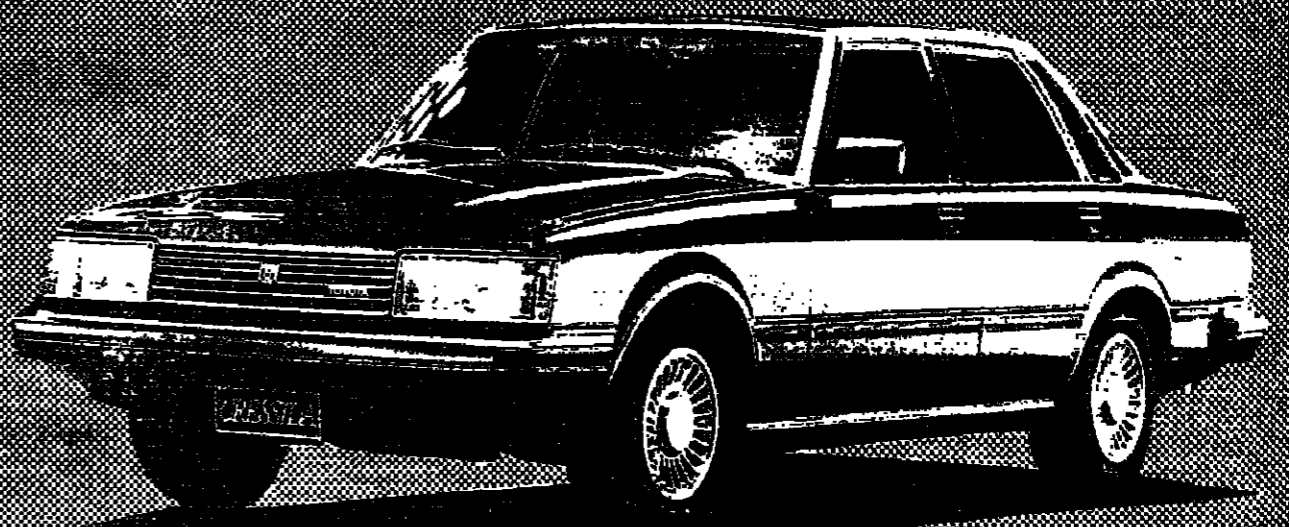
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# FEATURES

## The highest bidder gets gold

By Arthur Spiegelman

NEW YORK — The gold of the Avars, Mongol warlords who dominated Eastern Europe in the sixth and seventh centuries, is up for sale to the highest bidder. More than 120 gold and silver pieces decorated with stags and scroll-like designs, forged by Avar artisans for ceremonial belts worn by their king, were shown in New York this week prior to a sale expected to fetch more than \$1 million.

The sale at Sotheby's in London on Dec. 14 has excited world-wide interest for it is the first time that such a major find from the European dark ages has been offered at auction. The pieces' existence was not publicly known until the 1970s.

Several museums are reported interested in the collection and prominent German art scholars have urged their country to buy the pieces as part of the German heritage.

Avar rule once covered what is now Southern Germany as well as all of Hungary and parts of Czechoslovakia, Romania, Yugoslavia and Austria.

In an interview at Sotheby's New York Gallery, Mr. Camber, director of Sotheby's Works of Art Department, said, "These pieces could fetch more, we just don't know. There is no past auction history for this type of thing. Antiquities of this nature just don't come up for auction."

"We actually won't know what to expect until we see what the bidding is like on the first two pieces."

The world of antiquity sales is a closely-guarded one with many sales taking place in secret, some-

times to avoid the objections of a government that might feel that a national treasure belongs at home.

Even in this very public and highly-publicized sale, the name of the seller, identified by Sotheby's only as a European industrialist, is kept secret.

Where the pieces came from is also a mystery, one which Sotheby's has spent two and a-half years investigating, fearing at first wrongly that they may have been brought out of Hungary in 1956.

The existence of the Avar treasure first became known in London in the Mid-1970s when it was in private hands in Germany. Before that it was believed to have been viewed once by an archaeologist between 1922 and 1938.

But while the immediate past history of the Avar gold and silver ornaments is not clear, Sotheby's thinks it has found strong circumstantial evidence as to where they originally came from — Albania.

In 1902, a hoard of Avar gold pieces was discovered there in what was believed to be a treasury and workshop where the tribute in gold and silver paid to the Avars was melted down and turned into royal ornaments.

Forty-two pieces from that discovery were sold to an American industrialist by an Austrian diplomat. Mr. Camber said that one of the reasons why the pieces were being exhibited in New York was so that scholars at the museum could compare them with the pieces in their collection.

He added that both collections bear startling resemblances, with one gold mount in the museum

collection being identical in design to six pieces in the sale.

These seven pieces are the only known Avar mounts of this type and Mr. Camber said there was no doubt they were made by the same craftsmen.

But a spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Museum said the museum could not comment for policy reasons on the Sotheby pieces. "We cannot say anything that would affect a sale in any way," she said.

Sotheby's had the age of the pieces tested through Carbon 14 measurement tests at an atomic research facility in England.

These tests verified the dates as seventh century.

Little is known about the origins of the Avars, but they are believed to have been a branch of the White Huns of inner Mongolia who made their first appearance in Europe in the middle of the sixth century.

At the height of their power, they controlled Eastern Europe between the Danube and the Tisza rivers from their Hungarian stronghold. They also attacked the outskirts of Constantinople.

Their rule ended in 796 when they were subjugated by Charlemagne and converted to Christianity. Some 30,000 Avar grave sites have been found in Eastern Europe.

One chronicler described them as a strange and unknown people whose warriors wore their hair plaited with ribbons down their

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— Reuters

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**THE BETTER HALF** By Vinson

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY, NOV. 30, 1981

### YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Start the week right by making plans to advance in career activities. Your judgment is below par right now so avoid making important commitments. Obtain the data you need.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your aims for the future carefully and discuss them with one who is interested in your welfare.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) A conversation with a higher-up now can help make the future brighter for you. Operating in a modern manner is wise.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Use your mind more if you want to be better understood by associates. You can turn an opponent into a friend if you try.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) A good time to get busy and take care of all that work that has been accumulating. Take needed health treatments.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) You can put creative talent to work now and get excellent results. Be sure to keep that Leo temper in control.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Do something constructive about a long-standing situation that has kept you emotionally upset. Cultivate a new friendship.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Look to your associates for assistance in making regular routines more productive. You can handle communications wisely now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is the right day to garner that data you need for greater success in the future. Be more diplomatic with others.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle personal affairs well but give associates more attention than in the past and deal with them more openly.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Discuss property and monetary matters with a modern-thinking expert. Handle regular duties in a most efficient manner.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Contact a straight-thinking person and discuss ways to improve your social standing. Strive for increased happiness.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A good talk with a respected person can show you the way to solve a difficult problem. Use care in travel.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...** he or she should be given the best education you can afford since the mind here is brilliant. Your progeny could become a power for good in the world, especially if connected in humanitarian fields. A natural for sports here.

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**THE Daily Crossword** By Alfio Micci

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5 Change gears  
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15 Platform  
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18 Kind of tower  
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20 Food fish  
22 Woolly  
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25 Perry of song  
26 Lodestone  
29 Ranger

33 Roman greeting  
34 Calyx leaf  
36 Strainer  
37 "Portnoy's Complaint" author  
39 Antics  
41 Cookie  
42 Supps  
44 Bills of fare  
46 Pindaric verse  
47 Rigorous  
49 Gun part  
51 Talks amorously  
52 Prefix for sphere  
53 Boxing bouts

56 English novelist  
George  
60 Weaver's device  
61 Jeweled headwear  
63 Pa. port  
64 As to  
65 Type of architecture  
66 Zola title  
67 Hammer part  
68 Music for nine  
69 — off (angry)

23 Iowa city  
25 Punctuation mark  
26 — Gras  
27 To have, in La Havre  
28 "I — kick from champagne"  
29 Colorless  
30 Pavarotti, for one  
31 Skirt  
32 Fend off  
35 Fine cotton fabrics  
38 Gang members  
40 Do a math problem  
43 Highlander  
45 Ditto  
48 Weill's " — the Stars"  
50 Paca  
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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# WORLD

## Sejm to debate anti-strike laws

**WARSAW, Nov. 29 (R)** — The Polish parliament (Sejm) is expected to be summoned into session in the next few days to debate drastic legislation to

combat the country's political and economic crisis, well informed sources said today.

The Sejm would be convened to consider what amounts to an order from the ruling Communist Party to grant the government special powers which could include an outright ban on strikes and imposition of a state of emergency.

The party's central committee said in a resolution adopted last night after a two-day meeting that extraordinary powers were indispensable to counter destructive actions which threatened the very existence of Poland.

**Paisley says Third Force a defense unit**

**GLASGOW, Scotland, Nov. 29 (R)** — Northern Ireland Protestant leader Ian Paisley told a rally yesterday that his so-called Protestant Third Force would not seek out and kill Irish guerrillas.

He said that the new paramilitary group's role would be restricted to protecting Protestants, especially those in isolated areas near the Irish Republic border, because the British Army and police could not do so.

His speech of 2,000 Scottish supporters was a response to complaints in Britain and Ireland that members of the force, who wear military-style jackets and face masks, appeared set to take the law into their own hands.

## British diplomat says he was trapped into spying

**LONDON, Nov. 29 (R)** — The Sunday Times said today that a retired British diplomat had acknowledged having links with East European intelligence officers in the late 1950 but said he gave no secrets away.

The newspaper quoted Edward Scott as saying he was trapped into his East European contacts through an affair with a Czechoslovak housemaid at the British Embassy in Prague.

He was not interviewed by British security men until 1969, eight years after he left the diplomatic service, the Sunday Times said, and was never prosecuted although he had expected he would be.

In interviews with the newspaper, Mr. Scott said he was only technically a spy. He gave no secrets away and in fact had strung his contacts along, leading them to believe he would eventually be a useful spy.

The case is the latest in a series involving security which have caused a row in Britain.

The Sunday Times Revealed this month that Leo Long, a retired film company executive, had confessed he spied for the Soviet Union while working in

the precise nature of the emergency powers but it recalled that successive appeals for an end to strikes had been ignored and followed calls for a strike ban from party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski and other speakers.

The Sejm has twice held back from a ban since Polish workers won the right to strike in their Aug. 1980 labour revolt.

The resolution stressed again the ruling party's commitment to encouraging the Solidarity free trade union and other forces to join a front of national accord.

But many speakers at the plenum made clear that they would never tolerate the loss of Communist supremacy in Poland and voiced angry criticism at the political opposition groups springing up all over the country, often with Solidarity links.

One of the biggest groups, the Clubs of the Self-Governed

## Salvadoran rebels mark massacre day

**SAN VICENTE PROVINCE, El Salvador, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Underground leaders of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, in a well-fortified guerrilla camp, say their fight to overthrow the Salvadoran government is advancing "unconsciously."

They spoke to foreign correspondents at a ceremony marking the anniversary of the assassinations of six front leaders who were found dead after being kidnapped last year during a news

conference in San Salvador, the capital.

Responsibility for the deaths of the six, who included Enrique Alvarez Cordova, president of the front, was claimed by a paramilitary organization, the Maximiliano Hernandez Brigade, named for a general who violently crushed a 1932 peasant uprising.

The front is an coalition that represents five Marxist guerrilla groups and non-violent leftist foes of El Salvador's United States-backed ruling junta.

At the ceremony Thursday, somewhere in San Vicente province, the rebels denied government claims that its troops had complete control of this country of 4.8 million people.

Eduardo Calles, vice president of the front, rejected the battlefield death tolls issued by the army officials as exaggerated. "They are really carrying out the war on paper," he said.

In remarks to reporters Mr. Calles also denied that Salvadoran rebels are dependent on the Soviet Union, Cuba and Nicaragua for inspiration training and arms.

"They are inventing falsehoods," he said of U.S. and Salvadoran government claims.

Guerrilla commanders declined to specify the number of rebels operating in the country. U.S. Embassy and Salvadoran government officials put the number somewhere between 4,000 and 6,000.

Mr. Calles did say, however, that "The enemy (El Salvador's 20,000-man armed forces) has five times as many troops as we do."

In the area of San Vicente that the guerrillas say they control, they move about in a relaxed manner and without many of the military precautions observed in other areas. But a watchful eye is kept for government planes and helicopters. A walk from one edge of the guerrilla-held zone to its

de Broglie investigation.

Mr. Poniatowski, smiling and at ease, parried caustic questions from Judge Giresse and a battery of defence lawyers led by Roland Dumas, a socialist parliamentarian with a theatrical style.

He declared that he had behaved honestly, that he was certain Prince de Broglie's killing had no political motive and that he had had no knowledge of a police report before the murder that has proved the key element in the trial.

The police report, not revealed until a newspaper published it in April last year, was written in Sept. 1976, three months before the murder of the prince-politician.

Based on information from a police informer, Albert Leyris, the report said Mr. de Varga had put out a "contract" for Prince de Broglie's murder.

The police chief of the time, Jean Ducret, told the court an hour before Mr. Poniatowski's appearance that he had not passed on the report to the interior minister before the murder and that he had not mentioned it to the examining magistrate later.

Mr. Ducret, now in retirement, admitted he had made a series of errors of judgement.

Mr. Poniatowski told Judge Giresse he had learnt of the report four days after the murder, just before a controversial press conference in which he named the four accused as guilty and said the case was closed.

Mr. Poniatowski, who with Mr. Giscard d'Estaing and Mr. de Broglie founded the independent Republican Party, said he had never mentioned the report to examining magistrate Guy Floch because it had never crossed his mind the magistrate did not know of it.

Judge Giresse, who several times linked the case to other post-war French political scandals, asked Mr. Poniatowski if the murder could have been connected with reports that Mr. de Broglie was thinking of running away from Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's UDF grouping towards the neo-Gaullist party.

Poland, announced today that it would hold its first public meeting on Tuesday at Solidarity's Warsaw headquarters.

An official report to the central committee said there were 35 political opposition groups active in Poland, of which 10 were formed in the last three months.

Another report acknowledged that the Communist Party had lost nearly half a million members, or one sixth of its strength, in recent months.

Speakers depicted mounting political anarchy, and many attacked Solidarity activists for banning party cells from factories and work places.

The deputy interior minister, Gen. Stanislaw Zajackowski, spoke of violent attacks against party members and said farmers had been seizing state land.

Another general, Kazimierz Stec, accused Solidarity of launching "surprising attacks" on the army groups sent to assist in rural areas. He gave no details.

Poliburo member Stefan Olszowski complained that one of the editors of a hard-line political newspaper, Rzeczywistosc, had been beaten by a "thug squad."

**Exile group claims attack on Seychelles**

**LONDON, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Another attempt will be made to oust the Socialist government of the Seychelles despite last week's unsuccessful attack on the islands by a force of foreign mercenaries, a spokesman for the organisation reportedly behind the operation was quoted as saying today.

British newspapers quoted Paul Chow, London spokesman for the Movement Pour la Resistance, as saying his group would try again to dislodge the regime of President Albert Rene and "restore democracy" in the Seychelles.

The zone is scattered with informal barracks housed in abandoned farmhouses. Here are also makeshift hospitals and clinics, and a military training school named for the late guerrilla leader Che Guevara, who helped Fidel Castro establish a Communist government in Cuba. A large number of peasants, apparently accepting the guerrillas' presence, have remained in the area.

**Kidnapped Soviet adviser appeals to Brezhnev**

**PESHAWAR, Nov. 29 (R)** — A senior Soviet adviser held by Afghan rebels for two months has appealed directly to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to help arrange his release, the leader of the rebels said here today.

Yunus Khalis, who heads a faction of the Hezbe Islami resistance group, released at a news conference copies of a letter which he said the adviser wrote on Nov. 11 telling Mr. Brezhnev that he was his last hope.

E.R. Okrimyuk, 68, the Soviet Union's senior adviser on geology, was kidnapped in Kabul in September by Yunus Khalis' faction, which wants to exchange him for about 50 of its supporters held in Afghanistan.

In his letter to Mr. Brezhnev, the Soviet adviser said he had served the Soviet Union sincerely all his life and earnestly sought Mr. Brezhnev's help. "Only you can do it," he wrote.

Yunus Khalis, the elderly leader of probably the most effective fighting group in Afghanistan, promised that Mr. Okrimyuk would be kept alive and well treated.

By Steven R. Hurst

**MOSCOW, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Soviet officials at the highest levels of government have privately shown interest in U.S. President Ronald Reagan's missile-reduction initiative and optimism that arms talks opening tomorrow in Geneva will yield positive results, a top Western diplomat said.

"Privately, the Soviets have shown great interest in the Reagan proposal and are eager to begin the negotiations," said the diplomat on the condition he not be named.

The only snag that could make the talks collapse, he said, would be a Soviet refusal to budge from their public insistence that there is a "rough parity" or balance in nuclear arms between NATO and the Soviet Union in Europe.

"They've got to get off that position if we are to have meaningful negotiations," the diplomat said.

He said the Soviets are going into the negotiations with the "parity" argument as their opening position but have "no concept" how the negotiations should proceed. "They may let us define the concepts," the diplomat said.

The two sides, however, appear to be far apart.

Mr. Reagan, in a speech Nov. 18, offered the Soviets a plan whereby the United States would forego deployment of 572 new Pershing II and Cruise missiles in five European countries beginning in 1983 if the Soviets promised to dismantle their SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 medium-range nuclear tipped missiles aimed at Western Europe.

The Soviet media exploded in a fury of criticism of the American proposal and charged Mr. Reagan with "Gimmickery" and with trying to achieve U.S. nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union by coming in "through the back door."

Less than a week later, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was in the West German capital where he

## Muldoon insists on being premier despite rebuff

**WELLINGTON, Nov. 29 (R)** — Prime Minister Robert Muldoon insists that he has a mandate to stay in office despite a rebuff from New Zealand's voters in a general election that reflected disillusionment with the major parties.

The 1.8 million voters yesterday failed to give an overall majority to any party, producing the first hung hung parliament in more than 60 years and giving the balance of power to the small Social Credit League.

Mr. Muldoon's Conservative

National Party had its seats cut from 50 to 46. The opposition Labour Party, which needed a swing of only one per cent to take power, managed only a net gain of four seats and now has 44. Social Credit retained its two seats.

An extended period of political instability and uncertainty seemed inevitable, and commentators predicted a new election within a year or 18 months.

Despite the apparent political deadlock, Mr. Muldoon argued strongly that he had a mandate to continue in power. He ruled out

any accommodation with Social Credit, saying: "We're still the government. Nobody's going to talk to anybody."

Constitutional experts said the government would in fact be in a minority in full parliamentary sessions because its speaker did not have a deliberative vote.

Mr. Muldoon, however, said he was taking social credit at its word that it would not go against the government on money supply bills or a vote of confidence.

He announced that he did not intend to call parliament together

until next May as scheduled, but Labour Party leader Bill Rowling said Mr. Muldoon must convene it earlier to obtain a mandate to govern.

The prime minister said he would press ahead with major foreign-financed energy projects although these are opposed by Social Credit.

Three seats were held with majorities of less than 100 and the results in these areas could be overturned after the counting of absentee votes, which officials said could take nine days or more.

## Profiles of 2 rival negotiators

**Paul Nitze**

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (R)** — When Paul Nitze leads the American delegation into the nuclear missile limitation talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva tomorrow he will also bring his fifth decade as a high-level U.S. strategic planner.

Mr. Nitze, 74, has held important posts in the war (later defence) and state departments since 1940, changing political party affiliation twice but never altering his hardline and pessimistic view of Soviet capabilities and intentions.

A key member of president Richard Nixon's delegation which negotiated the 1972 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT), he quit in 1974 when he became convinced too much was being conceded to Moscow in negotiations for a follow-up pact.

Chief spokesman for the anti-SALT committee on the present danger, he played a major role in the Senate's refusal in 1979 to ratify president Jimmy Carter's SALT II treaty, now shelved.

Between government posts he has been an investment banker, businessman and gentleman farmer. White-haired and aristocratic in speech and bearing, he is an accomplished pianist, archaeologist and theologian.

He began warning of a Soviet military threat as long ago as 1950, when he was a key author of a grim study known as NSC-68 prepared for president Harry Truman. He also served on the panel that drafted the similarly hardline "dwaight report" for president Dwight Eisenhower in 1957.

He served successively as assistant secretary of defence, navy secretary and deputy defence secretary under presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

**Yuli Kvitsinsky**

**MOSCOW, Nov. 29 (R)** — Yuli Aleksandrovich Kvitsinsky, who will head the Soviet team at the Geneva missile talks tomorrow, has wide experience of negotiating with the West as well as a reputation for toughness and skill.

The career pattern of the Polish-born diplomat leaves no doubt that he is a man of exceptional ability.

To be chosen to negotiate missile cuts with the United States at the age of 45 is a remarkable achievement in a political system run by men in their 60's and 70's. The man he will sit opposite in Geneva, Paul Nitze, is nearly 30 years his senior at 74.

Mr. Kvitsinsky was only 34 when he was first selected for a Soviet negotiating team. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko sent him to Berlin to help fashion the 1971 four-power agreement on the status of the city, then a focus of East-West tension.

The accord, which eventually guaranteed air and surface links between West Berlin and West Germany, had to bridge irreconcilable differences between East and West on the status of the divided city.

Western diplomats here say U.S., French and British negotiators in Berlin credited Mr. Kvitsinsky with many of the more ambiguous and flexible phrases which made agreement possible at all.

But he was also known as an obstinate champion of Soviet interests who had several times stopped Soviet concessions to Western demands, the diplomats added.

For the past three years Mr. Kvitsinsky served as Number Two at the Soviet Embassy in Bonn, where diplomats say he was regarded with a mixture of fear and respect.

## Soviets said to consider Reagan's arms proposal despite bad first reaction

By Steven R. Hurst

**MOSCOW, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Soviet officials at the highest levels of government have privately shown interest in U.S. President Ronald Reagan's missile-reduction initiative and optimism that arms talks opening tomorrow in Geneva will yield positive results, a top Western diplomat said.

"Privately, the Soviets have shown great interest in the Reagan proposal and are eager to begin the negotiations," said the diplomat on the condition he not be named.

The only snag that could make the talks collapse, he said, would be a Soviet refusal to budge from their public insistence that there is a "rough parity" or balance in nuclear arms between NATO and the Soviet Union in Europe.

"They've got to get off that position if we are to have meaningful negotiations," the diplomat said.

He said the Soviets are going into the negotiations with the "parity" argument as their opening position but have "no concept" how the negotiations should proceed. "They may let us define the concepts," the diplomat said.

The two sides, however, appear to be far apart.

Mr. Reagan, in a speech Nov. 18, offered the Soviets a plan whereby the United States would forego deployment of 572 new Pershing II and Cruise missiles in five European countries beginning in 1983 if the Soviets promised to dismantle their SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 medium-range nuclear tipped missiles aimed at Western Europe.

The Soviet media exploded in a fury of criticism of the American proposal and charged Mr. Reagan with "Gimmickery" and with trying to achieve U.S. nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union by coming in "through the back door."

Less than a week later, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was in the West German capital where he

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### U.S. firm linked with Libyan sale

**CHICAGO, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — A small company operated by a Turkish national is being investigated by a federal grand jury for alleged involvement in selling more than \$10 million in military aircraft parts to Libya, the Chicago Tribune reported. The paper, reported in its Sunday edition that evidence in the case includes more than \$1.4 million in aircraft parts confiscated by federal agents in September at O'Hare International Airport. The firm, Tencom Corp. of suburban Northbrook, is operated by Nedim Sulyak, 29, a Turkish citizen and a former University of Illinois student, the newspaper said.

### Huge anti-nuclear demo in Florence

**FLORENCE, Nov. 29 (R)** — Nearly 200,000 people marched through the historic centre of this northern Italian city yesterday demanding nuclear disarmament and concrete moves to preserve peace, organisers said. The march, organised by Italy's powerful trade union federations, drew support from all major local political parties as five columns conveyed on the Renaissance Piazza della Signoria for a mass rally. Local Christian Democratic Party supporters joined Communists, radicals and Socialists in the demonstration, one of the biggest yet staged by the newly revitalised anti-nuclear movement here.

### Peru hunts museum thieves

**LIMA, Nov. 29 (R)** — Police have detained more than 100 people in a vast search for thieves who broke into Peru's national archaeological museum on Thursday and stole 34 priceless gold and silver objects dating from the Inca period. A police spokesman said the three robbers had left some clues, including a set of fingerprints, but he refused to say whether any of the people detained were prime suspects. Airports and border posts were still being closely watched and the international police organisation, Interpol, has been asked to look out for the pieces, which included a world-famous gold and jewel-encrusted ceremonial knife or Tumi, he added.

### Prince Philip vs. diaper-changing moms

**LONDON, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Is Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, short on tiespins? Or could he be a closet Punk-Rocker? British tabloids posed the queries yesterday with photographs of the dapper 60-year-old prince relaxing with the jacket of his pin-striped suit unbuttoned. Clashed to his tie, froo all appearances, was a common safety pin — popular anti-establishment adornment of the spike-haired Punk Rockers. But Buckingham Palace said it couldn't be. "I imagine, it was a gold or silver pin," said a spokesman. "You must accept my assurance that it was certainly not a safety pin." If the palace is right, chided the Daily Star, millions of diaper-changing moms "have been getting it wrong for years."

### Union raps proposed air staff cuts

**VALLETTA, Nov. 29 (R)** — The civil aviation section of the International Transport Workers Federation has in the interest of safety condemned moves by aircraft operators to reduce flight deck and cabin crew on commercial aircraft. The federation ended a four-day meeting Friday in the Maltese capital attended by 200 civil aviation delegates from 35 countries. The meeting was organised by Malta's general workers union. The conference "noted with grave concern" that Pakistan had banned all trade union activity in the Pakistan International Airlines corporation in violation of international labour organisation conventions.

### Smokers, rejoice!

**LONDON, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Eating carrots or dark-green leafy vegetables like spinach may reduce the risk of lung cancer in men who smoke cigarettes, a team of American researchers said in yesterday's edition of the weekly British medical journal Lancet. But the researchers, led by Prof. Jeremiah Stamler of Northwestern University in Chicago, said there was no evidence such vegetables affect the risk of other serious diseases related to smoking, such as heart disease. Prof. Stamler said he and his fellow researchers studied 2,107 men, age 40-55, over a 19-year period beginning in 1957. The men were all employees of the Western Electric Co., in Chicago. They concluded that a diet "relatively high" in provitamin A, or carotene, "may reduce risk of cancer even among persons who have smoked cigarettes for many years."

### Tunisian linked with Swiss murders

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Danish police learned through the international police network Interpol that a Tunisian they arrested here in October is under suspicion for the murder of three homosexuals in Switzerland, it was reported yesterday. The newspaper Berlingske Tidende wrote yesterday that Danish authorities were expecting an extradition request from Switzerland to arrive while the young man stands trial in Copenhagen for some alleged petty theft and passport fraud that led to his arrest Oct. 18. Copenhagen police said they could not confirm or deny the story because personnel working on the case were unavailable during the weekend. But an informed source, who asked not to be named, identified the suspect as 20-year-old Abdel Aziz Bouajela.

### Explosive method to remove kidney stone

**TOKYO, Nov. 29 (A.P.)** — Two Japanese researchers at the Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine said yesterday they have developed a new method of removing large kidney stones in the bladder by using microexplosive charges and have successfully used the treatment on two patients. Prof. Hiroki Watanabe said the method was first used in China in April 1980 based on a theory he first disclosed in 1975. China's Xinhua News Agency reported in May that China succeeded in removing kidney stones from inside the human body by using an explosion. Prof. Watanabe said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press that the method resulted in eliminating the need for surgery to remove large kidney stones — hard mineral deposits — from the bladder.

